



Region 6 School Food Service Survey Response 2020

Parents district wide were asked to respond to a survey on School meals during a two-week period in January. First, we would like to thank all who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is helpful for program improvement.

On the following pages you will see graphs that depict the responses we received. Of note, we did not provide a student survey this year but the number of responses this year is greater and indicates that students did participate in the survey provided. The survey also allowed participants to write in comments and there were several predominant themes. Participants answered the first question with suggestion of different food options they would like to see, often they listed items we already serve but a general theme of additional salads or a salad bar was mentioned as well as requests for more pasta and Asian food options. The second question asked for general comments and the basic themes were requests for fresh options and a concern about processed foods, as well as concerns about portion sizes.

Our response to the survey results are going to be two-fold. First, we know communication is an important step in the process. Parents have many misconceptions regarding what can be provided and what is already provided to students. Our first newsletter was disseminated in October and we plan to continue to provide newsletters. However, it appears the process used to send the newsletters to parents varied from school to school. We also need to promote the information found on the Nutrislice Menus as nutritional information is available for parents to access. We will continue to work with each school to determine the best way to reach parents and families whether it be a newsletter, information on the school website, email or attending school wide events.

Second, we continue to make menu changes based on school preference. We also will look closely at the alternate meal options at all schools to be sure they are offering a variety of choices. Many of the suggestions made in the survey can also be used to create variety on the menus.

Providing school meals is a challenge on many levels. We are running a highly regulated program which prescribes meal patterns and portions sizes as well as limits calories per meal. School food service operates on pennies and meeting payroll as well as purchasing product within our budget is difficult. However, our goal is to provide healthy meals to children. We understand the importance of the Food Service Program to the students of Region 6. We know hungry students struggle to behave and learn and we know that school meals are a great assistance to many families.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

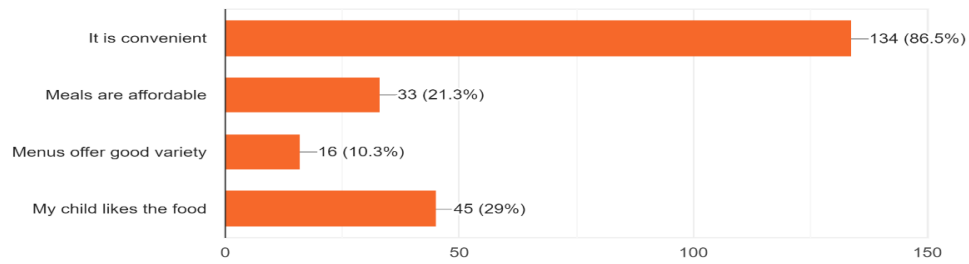
Respectfully,

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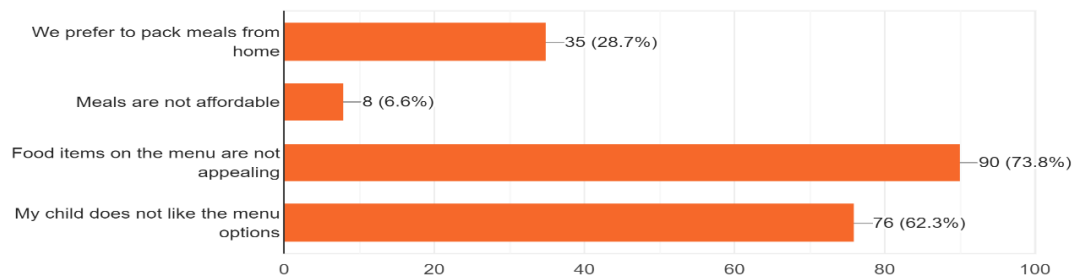
My child eats school lunch at least once a week because...

155 responses



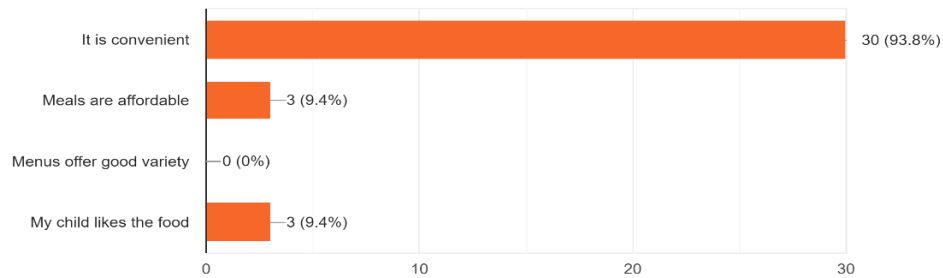
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122 responses



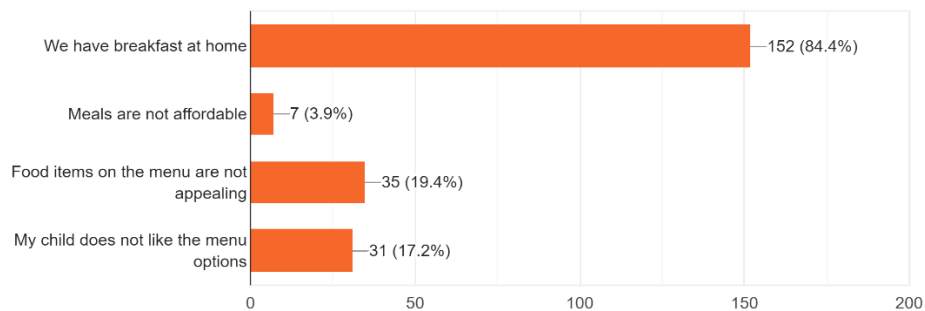
My child eats school BREAKFAST at least once a week because...

32 responses

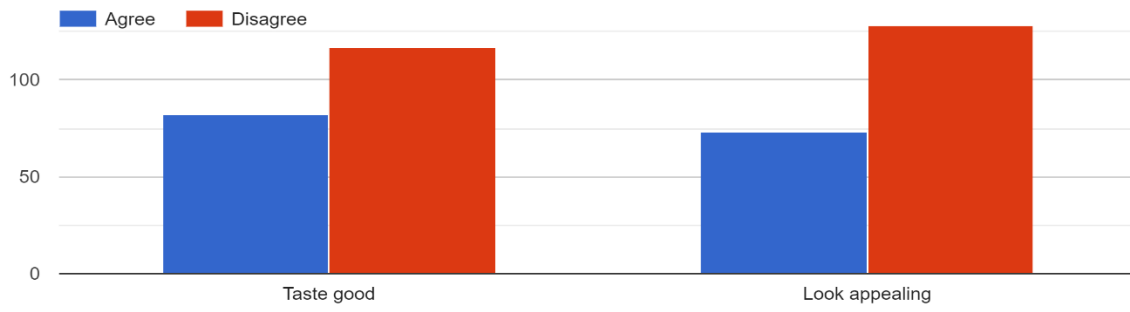


My child DOES NOT eat school BREAKFAST at least once a week because...

180 responses



School lunch meals...



School menus offer...

