Snacks in Walled Lake Elementary Schools

The Walled Lake School District does not have a policy regarding the consumption of snacks during the school day. In the past, the District engaged in discussions and conducted meetings with parents, local pediatricians, teachers and administrators, and determined that a District-wide policy was not needed.

Schools within the District prioritize allergy concerns over preference and will continue to ban or restrict certain types of snacks or foods in our classrooms and cafeterias for the safety of children with severe or life-threatening allergies. These include nut, dairy and other severe food-related allergies.

Our food service program adheres to federal nutritional standards and we as a District recognize our role in supporting healthy eating habits and active lifestyles through our educational programs and support of community based events.

For several years, many of our elementary schools and PTAs have attempted to support healthy eating by creating very restrictive snack lists, related to mostly fruits and vegetables. While we appreciate an emphasis on these items, we also respect the right of parents to make nutritional choices they feel are appropriate for their children.

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, all school-based snack lists may be recommended and advertised, but ultimately are optional for families. If the consumption of a certain type of snack becomes disruptive to the educational environment, the matter will be individually addressed by the school administration and the parents of the child.