



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education – District 97

FROM: Dr. Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Food Service Waiver

DATE: June 23, 2017

A food service waiver was approved in 2012, but expires at the end of the 2017 fiscal year. A food service waiver is necessary when a school district plans to sell compliant food and beverages to the students, but would like the revenue be allowed to accrue to the organizations, rather than the non-profit school lunch program account. Also, the food and beverage would not be purchased via the non-profit school lunch account, thus not impacted by the USDA requirements of non-program food.

Conversely, it is a state IL Administrative Code requirement that the revenue accrue to the non-profit school lunch account (IL Admin Code 305.15 (d)). Consequently, D97 is asking to waive that requirement.

The process for re-applying for the 5-year food service waiver included:

- 1) Advance written notice of a public hearing to:
  - a) All unions within the School District and other interested parties
  - b) All state legislators (senators and representatives)  
serving Oak Park District 97.
- 2) Publication of a legal notice announcing such public hearing.
- 3) Holding Public Hearing and documenting any public testimony.

The above requirements have been met and attached is the formal waiver and accompanying letter explaining reasons for such waiver. The final step is Board approval of the waiver.