



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Barry Broome, Maintenance & Operations Director ~~BB~~

DATE: May 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Nutritional Services Survey

**Memo No. SB26-146
(Informational Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3550, Food Service: The School Board recognizes that students need adequate, nourishing food in order to grow and learn and to give a good foundation for their future physical well-being. The Board may provide for a food service program based on regular lunch service and including such other snack and breakfast programs as the needs of the students and the financial capacity of the district permit. The Board recognizes that the lunch program is an important complement to the nutritional responsibilities of parents/guardians. The Board that: (1) Food availability on school premises should contribute to the nutritional well-being of students; (2) Foods available should be considered as carefully as other educational support materials; (3) Foods should be prepared in ways that will appeal to students while retraining nutritive quality; (4) Food should be served in quantities appropriate to the needs of students at their age level and served in as pleasant and relaxed an atmosphere as possible.

The school Board intends that, insofar as possible, the school food services program shall be self-supporting. The Board shall review and approve of menu prices. Program financial reports shall be presented regularly for inspection by the Board.

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

Financial & Operational Stewardship: Goal 7.0 – Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Issue Summary:

In compliance with NSBSD Board Policy (BP) 3550, the NSBSD Nutrition Services Department received feedback and concerns from students and parents/guardians regarding the quality and variety of food being served throughout the District. In an effort to better understand areas needing improvement and to support continuous program enhancement, Nutrition Services conducted a student survey to collect meaningful feedback and participation data.

The purpose of the survey was to identify student preferences, evaluate meal satisfaction, and gather input that will assist in improving menu planning for the 2026–2027 school year. The information collected will help Nutrition Services develop menus that are more appealing to students, increase participation in school meal programs, and ensure student voices are included in the decision-making process regarding school nutrition services.





Background:

The NSBSD Nutrition Services Department conducted a student survey to gather feedback for the 2026–2027 school year. The purpose of the survey was to better understand student preferences regarding meal quality, participation in breakfast and lunch programs, and favored menu items. Nutrition Services values student input and recognizes the importance of incorporating feedback into menu planning to improve overall student satisfaction and participation.

The survey results will assist Nutrition Services in developing streamlined monthly menus that focus on the food items students most enjoy. Popular menu selections receiving the highest number of responses may be featured multiple times throughout the month to encourage increased meal participation and reduce menu complexity while continuing to provide nutritious meal options.

The survey received a total of 368 responses, representing a broad range of grade levels across the District. Of the respondents, 43.2% were elementary school students, 30.2% were middle school students, and 26.6% were high school students.

The information below reflects the survey results and highlights the top student-selected food choices currently being considered for inclusion in the 2026–2027 Nutrition Services menus.

Top Choices

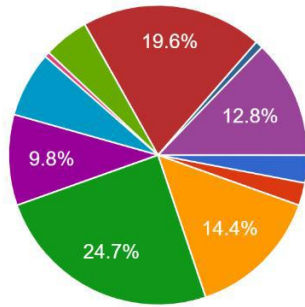
Breakfast Food	Percentage	Lunch Food	Percentage
Fruit	65.2	Fruits	65.9
French Toast	54.9	Pizza	62.3
Pancakes	51.4	Spaghetti	60.6
Waffles	49.1	Tacos	54.7
Yogurt	46.6	Nachos & Cheese	52.5
Biscuits & Gravy	41.4	Chicken Nuggets	51.7
Eggs	41.4	Chicken Alfredo	43.3
Breakfast meats (Bacon Sausage)	39.9	Tropical Fruit	43
Cereal/Cereal Bars	33	Chicken Tenders	42.5
Breakfast Burrito	29.3	Corndog	40.8
Sandwich Wraps	26.1	Chicken Wings	40.5
Pastries	19.8	Beef and Cheese Nachos	40.2
Oatmeal	16.1	Hamburgers	39.9
		Orange Chicken	38.3
		Baked Chicken	36.9
		Hot Dogs	36
		Mac & Cheese	33.8
		Spam & Fried Rice	31.8





Select your School

368 responses

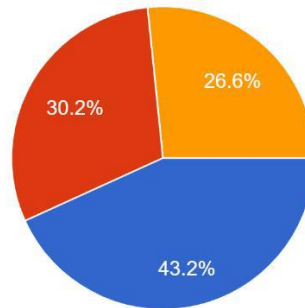


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- Barrow High School
- Eben Hopson Middle School
- Fred Ipalook Elementary School
- Harold Kaveolook School
- Kali School
- Kiita Learning Community
- Meade River School

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Select what grade/age group you are in:

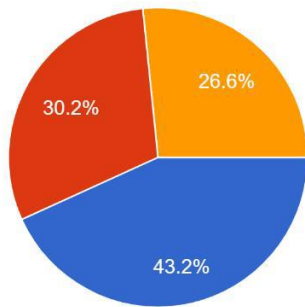
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- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

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368 responses



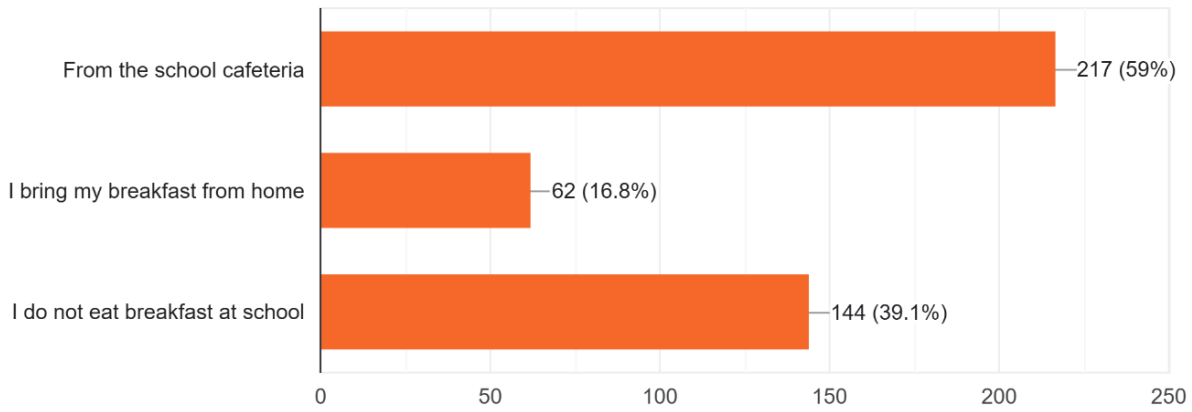
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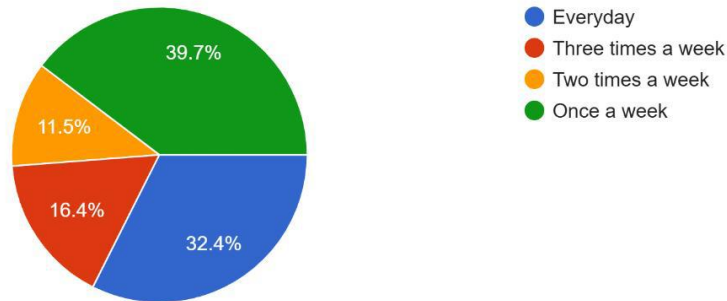
Where do you normally get breakfast on school days? Mark all that apply.

368 responses



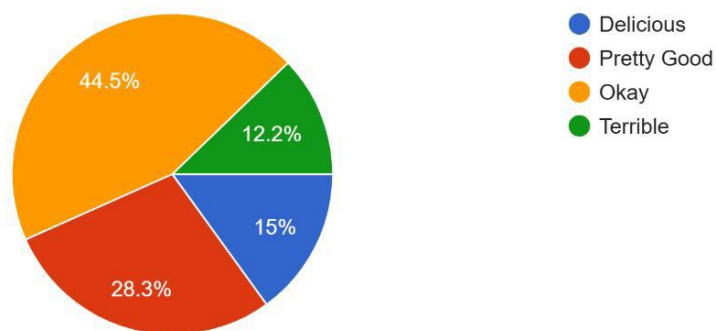
How often do you eat breakfast from the cafeteria? Mark one.

330 responses



How would you rate the breakfast served in the cafeteria? Mark one.

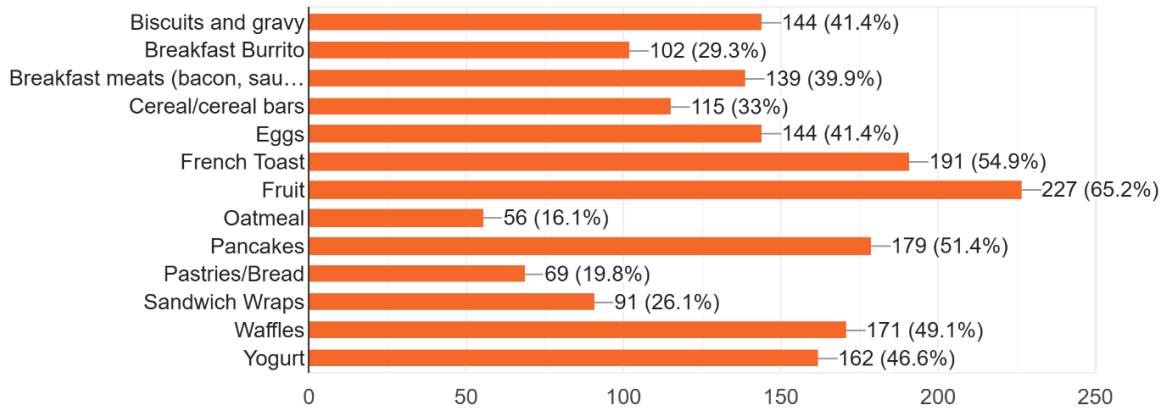
353 responses





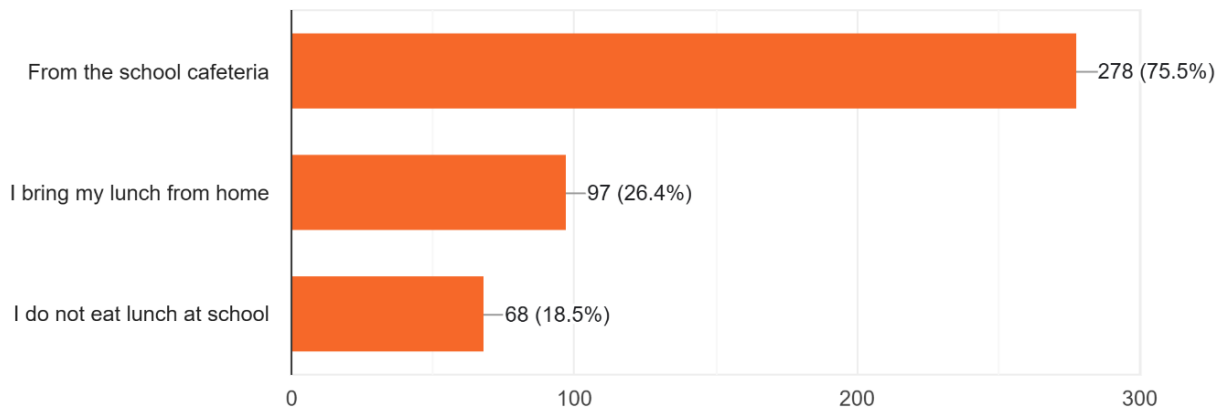
If you eat breakfast from the cafeteria, which foods do you like?

348 responses



Where do you normally get lunch on school days? Mark all that apply.

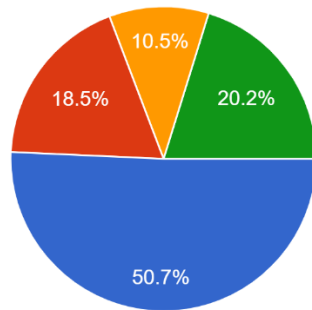
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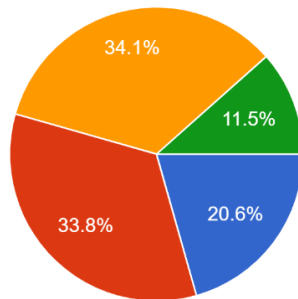
351 responses



- Everyday
- Three times a week
- Two times a week
- Once a week

How would you rate the taste of the lunch served in the cafeteria? Mark one.

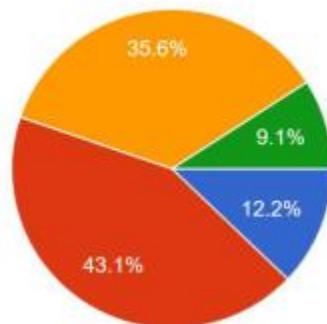
364 responses



- Delicious
- Pretty Good
- Okay
- Terrible

How healthy do you think the lunch cafeteria food is? Mark one.

362 responses



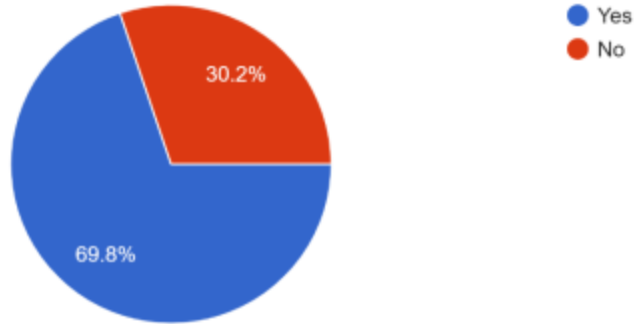
- Very healthy
- Pretty healthy
- A little healthy
- Not healthy





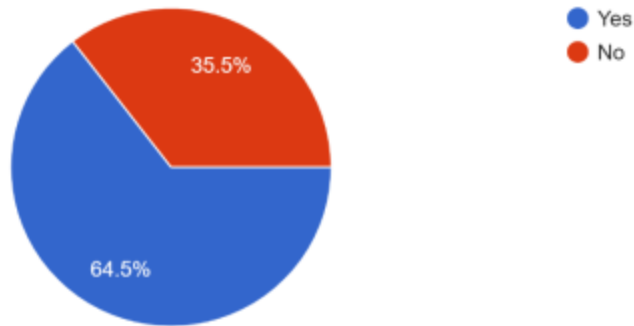
Do you feel you have enough time to eat your breakfast?

368 responses



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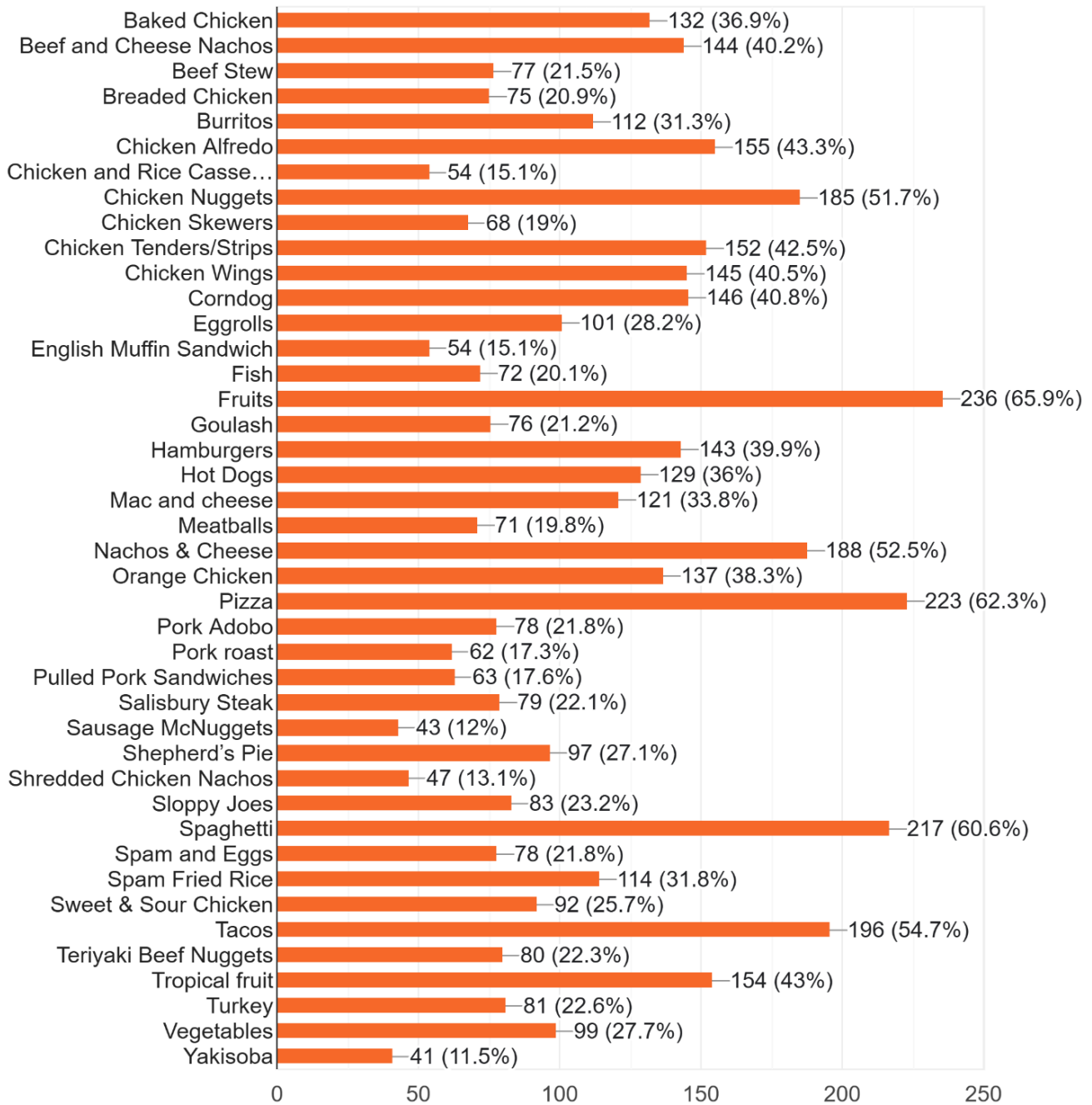
366 responses





If you eat lunch from the cafeteria, which foods do you like? Mark all that apply.

358 responses





Fred Ipalook Elementary School

91 responses

Nuiqsut Trapper School

72 responses

Eben Hopson Middle School

53 responses

Tikigaq School

47 responses

Harold Kaveolook School

36 responses

Kali School

26 responses

Meade River School

18 responses





These results have informed the development of the upcoming food Request for Bids (RFB) and supported the consolidation of menu offerings to better align with student preferences for breakfast and lunch.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is an informational Item as the purchases of supplies, materials, and equipment are within the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

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