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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent of Schools

Response to November 28, 2017 report delivered by Sarah Holland of the Prince George District Parent Advisory Council regarding their fall 2017 Lunch Survey:

The Superintendent is happy to provide an update as to the School District's response to the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) presentation of November 28, 2017. The School District expresses appreciation to our District Parent Advisory Council for bringing this information to our attention.

On November 28, 2017, Sarah Holland, representing our local DPAC, provided preliminary highlights from a Prince George District Parent Advisory Council Lunch Survey. The DPAC Lunch Survey report can be viewed on their website at www.sd57dpac.ca. At the time of presentation, Ms. Holland reported that 698 respondents had completed the survey. SD57 has approximately 7,765 students in Kindergarten to Grade 7, from approximately 5,415 households. The survey asked parents to provide responses to a number of questions related to children's eating behavior at lunch-time. Ms. Holland drew attention to concerns regarding children not finishing lunches, schools providing students with adequate time for eating and the scheduling of outdoor play.

School administration, in collaboration with staff and families, organizes the lunch-time routines within individual schools. Noon supervision of students is carried out by members of CUPE Local 3742, who are employed by the School District. School communities make decisions regarding the schedule of activities within the lunch period. The most effective place to address concerns regarding student eating and playing at lunch-time is at the individual school.

As a number of DPAC survey respondents expressed concerns regarding lunch-time routines and the ability of children to eat properly at school, Elementary Schools have been asked to collect additional specific information from their students' families. School District No. 57 households are being presented with a brief description of their school's current lunch-time routines and asked to respond to the following questions.

- Are you satisfied with the lunch-time provisions being made for your child/children?
- If not, please list your concerns.
- What would you recommend we keep doing? What should we do differently?

In addition, the opportunity for parents/guardians to personally discuss lunch-time provisions is being provided. Individual schools, led by the Principal will collect parent/guardian responses and will respond accordingly.

Whenever parents and guardians have concerns related to school, whether pertaining to eating at lunch-time, academic achievement, student personal well-being or any other matter, SD57 invites and encourages conversations with teachers and Principals. Households are urged to communicate with the school. Administrative, teaching and support staff are eager to assist families with concerns and remain committed to supporting each student's success.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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Superintendent of Schools