

## **WAEC Pilot Program: Cafeteria and Curriculum Improvements**

### **September 26, 2005**

A pilot program at the Warren Area Elementary Center (WAEC) would serve two purposes:

- 1) meeting the needs of the fourth grade curriculum, permitting all of the students to attend appropriate classes;
- 2) eliminating compressed dining time in the cafeteria which will allow all of the students to get through the lunch line in a timely manner.

In order to offer flexible grouping for both reading and math in the fourth grade, all fourth grade students must eat lunch together. Presently, the fourth graders are split between the two lunch periods. This split time is affecting the instruction of these two core subjects. A fourth lunch period will reduce the congestion and long lines in the cafeteria and ultimately provide more time for the students to eat once they have purchased a lunch. In addition, the adjustment of student assignments to classes will better balance the instruction for all of the children through the integration of regular education and special education students.

To accomplish these objectives, the Nutrition Group would like to add a three (3) hour cafeteria helper position for a 60 day trial period. This position would allow for the creation of a fourth lunch period. Creating another position would eliminate the compressed dining time, allowing for a third lunch line to be opened, a fourth lunch period added, and the resolution of the fourth grade curriculum issues.

The projected cost of a fourth lunch period to the WAEC by adding a three (3) hour position would be \$5,250.00 in wages and fringe benefits. The funds will come from the increased number of meals served.

The pilot program will be implemented on or about September 28, 2005 and will end 60 days later. The pilot program will be evaluated one week prior to its end. The evaluative criteria will be:

- 1) the effective implementation of fourth grade curriculum and student assignments;
- 2) the elimination of compressed dining time;
- 3) the project's economic feasibility.

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The Pilot Program evaluators will be the WAEC principals, the Nutrition Group, and the Warren County School District Business Administrator.

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