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# Don't Let GDRSD Put Our Children's Health at Risk

## The GDRSD School Committee is considering outsourcing our school café to Whitsons Food Service – check out their history!

Whitsons head cook at Longmeadow High School reportedly fired for sexual harassment; employees say prior accusers were fired to protect him

- Head cook Charles Crease at Longmeadow high school was fired for alleged sexual harassment for twice slapping the bottom of a female subordinate.
- Charles Crease sent a female Whitsons' employee an unsolicited picture of a boil on his buttocks. Her complaints to Whitsons' food service director fell on deaf ears. When this female employee filed complaints directly with Whitsons' human resource department, she was fired the next morning by the food service director. Whitsons' food service director was close with head cook Charles Crease and reacted with exasperation, anger and even shouting when employees complained about Crease's illegal conduct. *Source:* [https://www.masslive.com/news/2017/12/head\\_of\\_kitchens\\_at\\_longmeadow.html](https://www.masslive.com/news/2017/12/head_of_kitchens_at_longmeadow.html)

### Whitsons pays \$1.6M to settle overcharges

- [Whitsons Culinary Services](#) agreed to pay a \$1.6 million out-of-court settlement to resolve charges they failed to pass on and return discounts from vendors back to school districts and other education providers, including nine districts and four nonprofits. *Source:* <https://libn.com/2011/10/05/whitsons-pays-1-6m-to-settle-school-lunch-overcharges/>

### Boston Public Schools Food Vendor Memos

- Boston public school parents stated, "We have still not come across a single person to date who is supportive of Whitsons food." *Source:* <https://medium.com/@schoolyardnews/bps-food-vendor-memos-may-18-a5c12b3afb85>

### Boston Schools choose new food vendor

- After months of complaints from parents and health advocates about Whitsons, Boston Public Schools awarded the food contract to Revolution Foods.
- The Boston Citywide Parents Council was upset that too many students are tossing their lunches in the trash. *Source:* <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/07/17/bps-chooses-new-school-food-vendor/jXHQVowa4zIzdwaPu72b7H/story.html>

### Parents opinion of Whitsons food

- Parents stated, "Bad school lunch. Just terrible, can't believe they serve this to kids. It is frozen burgers with contact lenses on the Mac-n-cheese and cheese that still has a wrapper on the cheese patty." *Source:* <https://www.yelp.com/biz/whitsons-food-svce-rye-brook>

### Brookline school lunches become target of complaints and declining sales

- Brookline schools field complaints that kids aren't eating and began to pack lunches. One food service worker said the quality of the food had gone down since Whitsons came into the picture. It's the worst food I would not feed to my cat. *Source:* <https://brookline.wickedlocal.com/news/20181211/brookline-school-lunches-become-target-of-complaints-and-declining-sales>

**Now that you know the facts about Whitsons Food Service, take action to stop the Superintendent's plan to outsource café jobs.**



See the other side for information on how to contact the G-D school committee.

