



Read the news article carefully. Classify whether each statement is a **FACT** or **OPINION**, then explain your reasoning in full sentences.

News articles mix reporter facts (verified data) with opinions from sources. Look for: statistics = often fact; quotes with "I think/best/should" = usually opinion.

Healthy Snacks Rule Coming to Parkside School



Parkside, October 2024 — Starting next month, Parkside

Elementary will introduce a new "Healthy Snack Policy" for all students. This means only fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain items will be allowed during snack time. The school announced the change on Tuesday after a parent survey showed 78% of families supported healthier options.

Principal Ava Sharma stated, "We believe this is the best step to help our students learn and grow. Studies show that students who eat healthy snacks have more energy and focus." She added that the school cafeteria will remove 15 sugary snack options from its menu to support the new rule.

Ms. Lena Chen, a parent of two Parkside students, commented, "This policy will make a huge difference in our kids' health. Teaching good habits is key for student success." She mentioned that her son, Leo, often brings sugary treats to school.

However, not all students are happy. Fifth-grader Maya Singh said, "It's not fair! I believe we should be able to choose our own snacks." The school hopes that over time, students will adapt and appreciate the benefits of healthier eating. A local health report last year indicated that only 35% of elementary students in the district regularly choose healthy snacks.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) “The school announced the change on Tuesday.” Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? 📅

- A Fact B Opinion

(2) “We believe this is the best step to help our students learn and grow.” Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? 🌱

- A Fact B Opinion

(3) “78% of families supported healthier options.” Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? 🍎

- A Fact B Opinion

(4) The article states, “This policy will make a huge difference in our kids’ health.” Explain in your own words why this is an opinion. 💖

(5) Find a statement in the article that **SOUNDS** like a fact but is actually an opinion. Explain your thinking. 🤔

