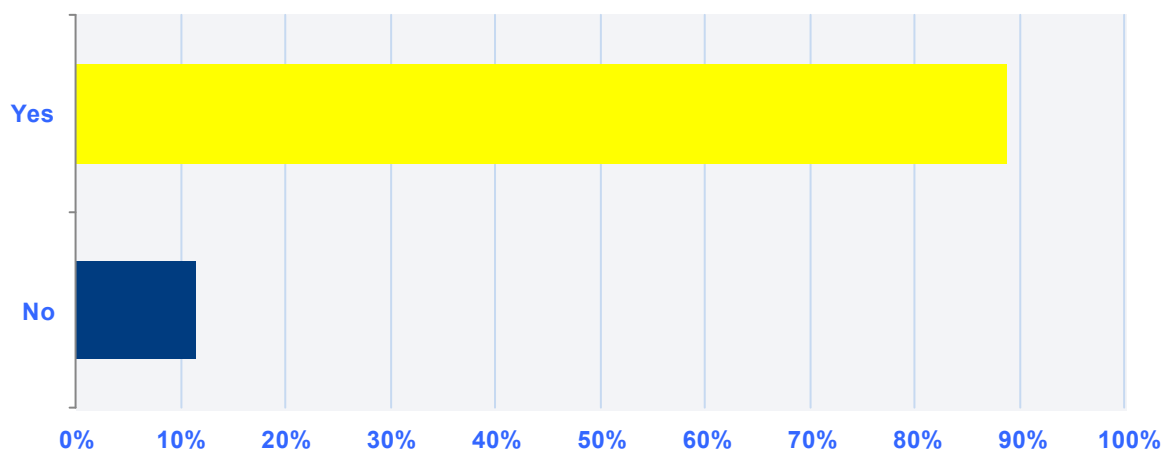


Should Fast Food Outlets Be Banned From Opening Near Schools?



A new UniSA study has revealed that schools in disadvantaged areas are ten times more likely to have fast food outlets nearby.

Welfare groups are calling for revised zoning laws to prohibit fast food operators from opening near schools.

SAASSO asked parents and school staff whether fast food stores should be banned from building near schools - and how far away they should be made to operate.

- An overwhelming 88.54% of respondents want fast food outlets banned from opening near schools.

When asked how far from schools they should be allowed to operate, parents said:

5km

You will never stop fast food outlets from opening near school. Adelaide high and the Mcdonalds on Hindley street are just about as close as you can get. We just need to keep educating better.

5km

The bigger issue is the number of fast food outlets in the northern suburbs that parents purchase dinner and breakfast at and send children to school with, not the closeness to schools of individual outlets. For example Salisbury East High and Parafield Gardens students are the key students seen at McDonalds, Salisbury, both schools are over 2km away.

5km

Further than lunch-time walking distance.

2km

high schools yes, outside of easy access distance in lunch breaks

A few km's

at least 2 kms

Too far to walk at lunch.

500m

Definitely outside of a 10-15 minutes walking distance

Students will access anyway -older students can drive there. More education needed re fast food. Once in a while is OK. School canteens should provide healthy cheaper options.

definitely not next to a school. there are many school adjoin shopping center and fast food. 2 high schools near my house, the both schools have shopping center are near

1km. I had to walk that far to my school and it was a long way to me when I was in school. If a child would walk that far to get fast food, let them have it I say.

They should be too far to walk to during a lunch break.

Some tuck shops and delis/cafes are no better. Are we going to let kids starve? Until the price of nutritious fresh food approaches that of fast food, there will always be a market for cheap quickly made food, no matter how unhealthy it is. What's the difference if it's 149m or 151m? More Nanny state rubbish.

This is not a DECD issue. It is a community problem. Continue to educate kids on healthy eating. Don't allow children to go offsite to get lunch and don't allow them onsite in the morning until they have eaten what they have bought on the way.