Positioning Kid's Home-delivered Food

For this activity, you need to select the most appropriate positioning for a firm that currently home delivers pre-prepared food, on a weekly basis, to people who are trying to lose weight. They have now decided to pursue an opportunity in providing a somewhat similar product, but this time, targeted at children.

You have been presented with a number of different positioning alternatives that the firm could adopt for this new target market – which one would you choose?

Alternative Positioning Options for Kid's Home-delivered Lunchboxes

Option One - As a weight-loss product

- For = Many kid's are becoming over-weight
- Against = Kids may be embarrassed to take to school

Option Two - As a convenience/easy way to organize kid's school lunches

- For = Both parents work in many families and time is important
- Against = Some parents may be embarrassed that they have to outsource their kid's lunch (as potentially seen as disorganized or lazy)

Option Three - As a simple way to provide lunchbox variety

- For = Kids get bored with the same lunch every day
- Against = Many kids (particularly younger ones) are fussy eaters and may not eat lunch at all on some days

Option Four - As an up-market 'gourmet' lunchbox

- For = May attract parents who want to communicate success
- Against = Extra perceived cost may limit the size of the market

Student Discussion Questions

- 1. Which positioning approach, of the four presented, would you suggest that company should adopt?
- 2. On what basis (criteria) did you determine that this was the best approach?
- 3. Can you suggest any other alternative positioning approaches that may also be viable?
- 4. In what ways will the positioning approach selected affect the firm's marketing mix for this target market?