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Dear Streetsboro Families,

Due to the large number of students with various forms of food allergies, the Streetsboro City School District has developed the following guidelines regarding outside food being brought into our buildings. This policy, while restrictive, has been developed in order to keep all of our students safe. Please take some time to read the following guidelines below. Please note, these guidelines will be implemented effective immediately.

Nut and other Food Allergy Policy

- This policy will be included in Final Forms and ALL staff will have to read it and sign off.
- The teacher(s) of any student who has an IEP or 504 plan specific to Allergies, must read the document and sign off that they have read and understand the IEP or 504.
- If treats are given out by staff, they must be approved by the building administrator or supervisor in order to ensure safety for all students.
- No outside food will be brought into buildings or classrooms for student special events like birthdays, parties, etc.
- In lieu of food, families may bring in an item to help celebrate the occasion such as a pencil, craft, game, puzzle, book to donate, etc. All craft items (such as clay) must be checked to verify they are safe for all food allergies (free of peanut oils, etc.).
- Each building will provide a safe snack item for each classroom during holiday parties.
- PTA will inform room parents and all volunteers of this policy.
- Every cafeteria will have a "safe zone" for students with allergies.
 - The safe zone will be sanitized before, between and after each lunch period by the cafeteria aides.
 - Students with allergies who utilize this safe zone may pick one friend to sit with them.
 - Cafeteria aides must verify the lunch of the friend is allergy safe.
 - Students will not be permitted to share food.
- Food brought in for any purpose MUST be checked and pre-approved by the building principal. On the day the food is brought to school, it must be checked in the office prior to being taken to the classroom.
- Foods that are approved must also be checked by the classroom teacher prior to distribution.
- Parents/Guardians who wish to bring in outside food for lunch for their student may do so for their child only. Parents will not be permitted to bring in outside food for other students. No exceptions.
- Streetsboro City Schools staff will refrain from eating any food in their classrooms if students with food allergies attend their class.

Once again, these guidelines will be implemented effective immediately for all grades/buildings in the district. This policy will also be included in Final Forms as well as on the district website.

Please understand the implementation of this policy is intended to help keep ALL of our students safe while attending school. We acknowledge that no policy or guidelines will cover every situation where a child with severe allergies could be put at risk, but we feel it is necessary to take as many precautions as possible. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call or email your building principal.

Thank you and Go Rockets!

R. Michael Daulbaugh, Superintendent
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