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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a measure to provide additional safeguards protecting our students with food allergens, the Board of Education has updated the “Management of Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools” policy. This policy outlines the steps to best safeguard students from being exposed to food allergens. Examples of this include the “peanut and nut free” classrooms and cafeteria tables.

The following has now been added to this policy, “Any food product supplied by a student family for classroom consumption/celebrations/etc. must be delivered in manufacturer sealed packaging with labeled ingredients.”

This policy change is designed to protect students with allergens from food generously donated to classrooms to celebrate occasions such as birthdays and holidays.

It is not the school’s intent to inconvenience families or diminish classroom celebrations, it is simply to shield students from accidentally consuming products that unknowingly contain allergenic ingredients.

Thank you for your attention to and understanding of this.

*Christopher J. Herdman*

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