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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Wharton Board of Education has a School Nutrition Policy in place for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. A copy of the policy is attached. This policy complies with Federal nutrient standards for student meals, snacks, and other foods sold during the school day, as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Sales of certain items will be limited in terms of serving sizes, while other items that list sugar in any form as the first ingredient, including all candies, will no longer be sold.

The policy does not affect any snack brought by a student from home for his or her consumption at lunch or snack time, nor does the policy restrict goods brought in by students or parents for special celebrations such as a birthday party or holiday. The Board of Education is committed to providing pupils healthy and nutritious foods, as well as to support healthy eating through nutrition education. In the spirit of the policy and in partnership with parents, the Board of Education encourages parents whose children choose not to purchase meals and snacks in the cafeteria, to send in healthy and nutritious foods for their children to eat at lunch or snack time.

Teachers must comply with the new standards should they use food as an incentive or reward in the classroom during the school day. Teachers will be encouraged to find alternatives, such as stickers or redeemable tokens, to use as incentives or rewards.

This policy does not apply to medically authorized, special needs diets or to special needs pupils, whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates restricted food items may be given as an incentive for behavior modification.

Please feel free to call the district's Business Administrator, Sandy Cammarata, at 973-361-2593, or the district's Head Cook, Marilyn Kuzma, at 973-361-2506, ext 389, should you have any questions or require further information regarding the School Nutrition Policy.

Sincerely,

Sandy Cammarata

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

cc: Mr. Christopher J. Herdman, Superintendent of Schools