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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the interest of protecting our academic time and for the safety of our students, the **Nixon-Smiley CISD campuses will no longer accept items delivered to students** from outside vendors as of August 2015. This includes, but is not limited to, flowers, holiday gifts, lunches from restaurants, birthday balloons, candy grams, etc. The items will be refused or parents will be called to come and pick them up.

We realize this may be a disappointment on days like Valentine's Day or student birthdays, but these deliveries can take hours of our office workers' time and be a distraction in the classroom. Moreover, it has become increasingly difficult to ensure that students are receiving the correct items and we cannot monitor deliveries closely enough to prevent students with life-threatening allergies from coming in contact with items like latex and/or foods that trigger symptoms. We have also found that items like a glass vases and large balloons are potential safety hazards when brought on the school bus.

We appreciate your understanding as we look out for the best interest of our students.

Specific guidelines:

- 1. Homecoming mums may be worn (but not delivered) on Homecoming Day.
- 2. Lunches from home may be delivered. However, please do not bring food from Dairy Queen, Subway, and other restaurants.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's principal.

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