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IMPORTANT MEMO TO ALL PARENTS

Smithfield Public Schools complies with the Rhode Island State General Law 16-21-30.

Rhode Island State General Law 16-21-30 mandates that schools have peanut/tree nut free zones within a school where there is a student with known peanut or tree nut allergies. The law requires schools to post notices at all entrances to the school and the cafeteria and to eliminate the sale of peanuts/tree nuts or peanut/tree nut based products in the cafeteria.

In complying with Rhode Island State General Law 16-21-30 and in an effort to maintain the highest levels of health, wellness, and safety for all students, particularly those who have serious food allergies, we have developed several protocols for our elementary schools.

Classroom Snacks- Smithfield Schools have peanut/tree nut-free <u>classrooms</u>. No <u>classroom snacks</u> may contain any peanut/tree nut products in them.

Lunch/Cafeteria- All schools will designate one or more tables in the cafeteria as peanut/tree nut free. Students who bring **lunches from home** that may contain peanut/nut products will not be seated at the designated nut-free table in the cafeteria.

Classroom/School Celebrations- Home baked foods may not be sent to school for birthday/special celebrations or bake sales.

Our goal is ensure that we do all we can to prevent children from allergic reactions from just a mere exposure. Please know that we are doing everything we can to provide our students with the safest environment in which to learn.

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