



## Arlington Heights School District 25

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Dear Parents,

As students enter middle school, there usually is an increased awareness and understanding of various health concerns. We continue to reinforce healthy habits like regular hand washing, covering your cough, hydrating throughout the day, staying home when you have a fever, etc.

Making children aware and sensitive to food allergies is also important to our school and district. We need your partnership to remind students about helping each other be safe while in the lunchroom or other settings that involve food. Please review the backside of this letter with your children. We will also promote awareness through upcoming daily announcements and Homebase/Advisory lessons.

Parents will always receive at least 48 hours notice if food will be served as part of a rare school activity and/or celebration. In developing food lists, staff will always consider the known food allergies of the students involved. As part each notification, parents will receive a general list of the items being served. Food items will always be store-bought with accessible labels for students and parents to reference. Parents should alert staff right away if there are concerns upon receiving these notifications. Outside of these rare, special times, food will not be served to students.

We do allow eighth grade students to bring individual snacks to school due to the fact they eat during our last lunch period of the day. Students are provided with clear guidelines on what is appropriate to bring to school and when they can partake in eating their snacks. All students are allowed to keep a water bottle here at school.

Where we most often see students and families struggle with our food policy is during the lunch periods. Children should not share food with other students, whether purchased from our school lunch program or brought from home. We also do not allow students to bring in special treats to serve to friends as part of birthdays or other celebrations. Again, the purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe environment for all.

We appreciate your ongoing communication and cooperation in regards to our food policy. Please feel free to reach out at anytime should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Piper Boston".

Piper Boston, Principal