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TO: Parents and Students Attending USD 297 Schools

RE: Peanut/Nut Allergies

We currently have multiple students in the elementary school and jr/sr high school with allergies to nuts and/or peanuts. The allergies vary in severity among the students; however, we believe the exposure to nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) poses a potentially life-threatening situation in some cases. For this reason, we are attempting to remove nut/peanut products from our school food service program and vending machines.

This letter is to inform parents and students of the situation and to ask for your help by not bringing nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) into the USD 297 schools. We understand this may be considered an inconvenience to some, but please try to understand and empathize with the students and parents with this type and severity of allergy. We all need to do what we can to help protect them. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schiltz  
USD 297 Superintendent