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Warner School District Parents, Community and Staff:

At every district each new school year brings changes to curriculum, assessment, and staff. We also make changes to technology, books, equipment and even buses, and adjustments take time. Finding the right book, the right locker, the right classroom all takes time for students. And as parents we need some time to adjust to different schedules, different homework, different needs of our kids.

We as administration also make changes to help protect the safety of the children who attend our school. We look for better ways to limit access to the buildings, safer facilities, safer equipment and even safer playgrounds. We are also aware of the dietary health needs of our students; we need to promote and practice conscious dietary options even if the needs only affect a limited number of students/staff.

With that in mind, the Warner School District will be implementing a "Peanut Safe" Program for the 2017-2018 School Year. We will be implementing the following guidelines for all students, staff, and administration.

"There are students in our school who have peanut/nut allergies. If exposed to peanuts or peanut products, the students may develop life-threatening allergic reactions that require emergency medical treatment. In an effort to meet the needs of students with severe allergies, the Warner School District building as of July 1, 2017 will go peanut-safe. Please refrain from bringing into school any peanuts, peanut products, nuts or items processed in a plant where peanuts were processed. This extends to field trips, school events, extended day and summer camps. It is very important that you do not send any peanut products to school in sack lunches, snacks, birthday treats, etc. Food items from a bakery (home or purchased) such as cupcakes, doughnuts, and cookies are likely to be cross-contaminated with nuts and/or peanuts. Families can help ensure that our school stays incident free by reading the label on every package. In addition, in order to protect our children with allergies, amongst other reasons, we encourage children not to share their food or beverages with one another."

We understand the implementation of this program will take some time to get accustomed to, but with willing parent participation, we can avoid a severe or even fatal allergic reaction. There

are plenty of "Peanut-Safe" alternatives for treats/snacks that everyone will enjoy including but not limited to the list below (please check all labels on prepackaged items):

Examples of safe alternatives: Sun Nut Butter as a peanut butter substitute, Original Keebler Graham Crackers, Original Rice Krispies Treats, Original Keebler Club Crackers, Original or Cheddar Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers, Kellogg's Fruit Snacks, Sun Made Raisins, Keebler Scooby-Doo Graham Cracker Sticks, Skittles, Starbursts, Smarties, Nabisco Graham Crackers, Nabisco Cheese Nips, Original Cheese It Crackers, Pringles Potato Chips, etc. (Please keep in mind this is not a complete list, but only a starting point for options that are available as an alternative.)

Ingestion of peanuts/peanut products is only part of the safety concern for students with allergies. Please remind your children to wash hands and use good hygiene since contact with those products can also cause a reaction.

Please help protect our students with severe allergies by following the guidelines outlined above. We will continue to send out informational material and reminders, as we get closer to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Thanks for your help and understanding and have a great summer.

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