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Hello Parents and Guardians,

In light of some recent developments with our student population, Carney-Nadeau Public School is seeking to change its status from a "Tree-Nut Free Campus" to a "Nut-Aware" school. Back in 2011, we had a student who was extremely allergic to peanuts—his/her allergy was so severe that even exposure to the faintest trace of peanuts could induce anaphylactic shock, a condition that was potentially life-threatening. That child and his/her parents have since moved out-of-state. That said, we still have a small number of students with milder forms of tree-nut allergies, and I have since spoken with their parents. These students are all well aware of their dietary restrictions, and they all have plans in place to avoid the consumption of foods that trigger allergic reactions. As such, we now feel we are in a position as a school to change our status from "Nut-Free" to "Nut-Aware".

While our cafeteria will continue to exclusively serve nut-free foods, those students who prefer to bring their own lunch to school will be allowed to consume foodstuffs from home such as, say, peanut-butter sandwiches. So, too, will pre-packaged snacks containing tree-nuts (Snickers bars, Reese's Cups etc.) be available for sale in our concession stand during after-school events. On occasion, various groups and clubs here at our school hold bake-sales, and items containing nuts are allowable during these events as well. On special occasions within individual classrooms, such as say, Christmas parties, snacks containing nuts will be permitted. If however, we were to have a child with severe nut allergies, we would restrict foods containing nuts from entering his/her classroom. At present, that is not the case, but a ban on nut-based foods could be enacted in specific rooms within our building if the need ever arose for us to do so. Should that occur, all parents of applicable students would be informed immediately.

Presently, our plan is to switch from a "nut-free" to "nut-aware" school beginning on Thursday, October 20th. In the interim, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns on this matter, I would very much like to speak with you. To that end, if your child has an allergy you have not yet made us aware of, I urge you to contact me here in the school office (906-639-2171) at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much for all that you do for our students, school, and community.

Sincerely,

Adam Cocco
Superintendent
Carney-Nadeau Public School