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To: Burris Parents and Guardians,

Burris Elementary School will be a peanut-free school. We have children attending Burris Elementary School with severe peanut allergies.

The Risk of Accidental Exposure to allergy inducing foods can be reduced in the school setting if schools work with students, staff, parents, school nurses, and physicians to minimize risks and provide a safe educational environment for food allergic students. Although schools cannot guarantee an allergy free environment, we can utilize strategies to greatly minimize the risks associated with peanut and nut allergies. These strategies will focus on prevention, education, and emergency response. The ultimate goal is that children eventually learn to keep themselves safe by making good choices and advocating for themselves.

The cafeteria at Burris Elementary will not serve peanut products this year. Student lunches and snacks brought from home should not contain peanut products. Parents please be aware when packing lunches to avoid peanuts.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this change. It is our desire to provide a safe environment for all students attending our school. Thank you.

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