



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Being proactive is the best protection for our students with life-threatening food allergies and the safest meal is one packed from home. Maschio's Food Services offers many foods to the students in your district. Not all foods are allergen free and cross-contamination may occur. Maschio's highly recommends that students with life-threatening food allergies avoid purchasing snacks.

If necessary, Maschio's Food Services is able to offer substitute meals for students with life-threatening food allergies. The enclosed **Medical Statement Request for Special Meals and Milk Substitutions** is required to be completed by your child's physician on a yearly basis. Once the completed and signed paperwork is faxed to our office for review, the safe substitute menu along with manufacturer ingredient labels will be provided for your approval. Once approved, a cross contamination prevention training will be scheduled with the food service staff. Because this process takes several weeks to implement, we recommend that meals be packed from home until substitute meals are available.

If you decide to allow your child to purchase meals from the cafeteria, and do not wish to participate in a substitute meal plan, the enclosed **Waiver** is to be completed and returned to Maschio's Food Services via fax (908-955-7666) or scan/email to sdash@maschiofood.com. Manufacturer food labels are available to view on our website at www.maschiofood.com under "Food Facts." You may contact your child's cafeteria manager for information on brands and product types used in your specific cafeteria, understanding that substitutions, while not likely, may occur. Food Labels may also be requested by emailing Sara Dash, R.D. at sdash@maschiofood.com.

If you have any questions please contact Sara Dash, R.D. at (973) 598-0005 or sdash@maschiofood.com. Thank you for continuing to work with Maschio's Food Services to keep our students healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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