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Dear Parent Community,

The Fairfield Public Schools District is implementing practices to minimize the risk of accidental exposure to life-threatening allergens in our schools. With the opening of schools on September 3, 2015, all Fairfield Public School classrooms are designated peanut and tree nut free, with the only exception being the high school Culinary Arts classrooms. Understanding that staff, students, and parents share in the responsibility of keeping children safe in the classroom, we ask that parents/guardians ensure that their children do not bring foods containing peanuts or tree nuts to school for consumption in the classroom. Additionally, all staff and students at each school will receive training to support a better understanding of life-threatening allergies.

With some simple precautions and awareness, our school environment can be safe for everyone. For example, in each school cafeteria, there is a table designated as peanut and tree nut free. We also ask that parents support us by ensuring that students never bring foods containing peanuts, tree nuts, or products from peanuts and/or tree nuts to school for consumption in the classroom. If you are unsure of the ingredients in a product, please read the labels carefully or make something you are sure does not contain nut products. Additionally, our district website will provide a link to safe foods for consumption in the classroom. For some students, simply touching a nut product can lead to a severe reaction. As a result, we will be requiring that students not share food or move around when consuming foods. Parents can help us by reinforcing these rules and by encouraging students to wash their hands after lunch or snack. We will provide helpful reminders if students should stray from these important safety measures.

These simple precautions can make a difference between life and death for some of our students. Please help us keep our schools safe for everyone by doing your part. For more information, please click on the links below to access BOE Policy #5516 and #5516AR.

[Policy 5516](#)

[Policy 5516 Administrative Regulations](#)

Thank you in advance for keeping our students safe in school.

Sincerely,

David G. Title

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