



UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents,

This note is to inform you that we have several students with severe/life threatening food allergies, particularly to peanuts and tree nuts, who attend Union Local School District.

These foods, even in trace amounts, may cause a severe reaction (anaphylaxis) that can lead to death. Even touching contaminated surfaces may cause a severe reaction for some of our students. Therefore, the Union Local staff has been trained to recognize a reaction and administer medication (epinephrine) in an emergency situation.

In addition to staff training, the district would like to put into place some precautionary measures to assist with the reducing the risks of exposure to these food allergens. Some of these precautions include:

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PRODUCTS WITH PEANUTS/TREE NUTS FOR SNACKS TO CLASSROOMS, PARTIES, PRACTICES, ETC.
- Check the bottom of the ingredient label to see if it may contain peanut/nut products or was processed in a peanut/nut factory.
- Please try to avoid sending your child to school or afterschool activities and practices with peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or foods made with nuts or prepackaged food with a printed warning label ("may contain peanuts/tree nuts").
- If your child has eaten any nuts prior to going to school, practice, or any other school function/activity, please make sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water. Water alone or hand sanitizers are not sufficient to remove nut residue.

Thank you very much for your understanding, consideration and cooperation in helping us reduce the risk of allergic reactions occurring at Union Local School District. We appreciate you helping us with trying to keep all of our students safe within our district.

Respectfully,

Ben Porter

Union Local Superintendent