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**To:** Sayles School Parents  
**From:** Patrice Houle, RN  
**Subject:** Peanut/Tree Nut Allergies

It has come to our attention that there may be some confusion in regard to peanut and tree nut allergy guidelines at Sayles School. To quote Sayles School Food Allergy Management Plan and Guidelines:

*The Sprague Public Schools recognize that food allergies may be life threatening. For this reason, the district is committed to developing strategies and practices to minimize the risk of accidental exposure to life threatening food allergens and to ensure prompt and effective medical response should a child suffer an allergic reaction at school. The district further recognizes the importance of collaborating with parents and appropriate medical staff in developing such practices and encourages strategies to enable the student to become increasingly proactive in the care and management of his/her food allergy, as developmentally appropriate.*

The classroom guidelines enacted by Sayles School are as follows:

1. No nuts, nut products of any kind handled or ingested in any classroom that a nut allergy has been identified.
2. Nuts, peanut butter sandwiches "MAY" be brought from home and eaten in the cafeteria only.
3. All classrooms that have an identified nut allergy will wipe down tables after snack.
4. After lunch tables, doors etc in the cafeteria are cleaned.
5. All students returning from the cafeteria to the class wash their hands.
6. A nut free table has been designated in the cafeteria for those affected with this allergy.

These are only a few of the practices put in place for these students affected with this potentially life threatening allergy. We feel we have taken a proactive stance in order to secure the safety of all our students. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter are essential to the success and safety of all.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.