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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Rockport Elementary School:

There has been much discussion on the topic of Managing Life Threatening Allergies in School these past two weeks. Our School Policy states: “Rockport Public Schools recognize that students with life threatening allergies require reasonable accommodations related to the school environment and other school and education services to ensure access to available education and education related benefits.” The rest of the policy can be found on our school webpage under School Committee>Policy Manual, File: JLCDD. This is in compliance with three federal laws: **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.** Here at theElementary School **we are a peanut butter free and allergy aware school.** We encourage **food free celebrations for birthdays.** Some classrooms may have additional procedures to follow in regards to life-threatening food allergies. We ask all the students not to share their food.

In an attempt to decrease confusion among the Grade levels the following is a list of the accommodations by Grade and or classroom level:

Pre-K: No specific restrictions

Kindergarten: No peanut, tree nut, sesame seed or shellfish in the classroom or cafeteria

Grade One:

Mrs. Kluge: No specific restrictions

Mrs. Trumbour and Ms. Murphy: No peanut or tree nut in the classroom or cafeteria.

Grade Two:

Mrs. Raftelis and Mrs. Dahlgren: No specific restrictions.

Mrs. Corcoran: No peanuts or tree nuts in the classroom or cafeteria.

Grade Three:

Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Wilson: No specific restrictions

Mrs. Zerilli: No peanut or tree nut in the classroom and cafeteria

Grade Four: No peanut or tree nut in the classroom or cafeteria. Please limit sesame products to lunch only.

Grade Five: No peanut or tree nut in the classroom or cafeteria. Please limit sesame products to lunch only.

Resources on the School website: School Committee Policy Manual, Elementary School Nurse website: Snacking Safely: A Guide to Peanut Free Snacks for School, Food Services website: Nutrition Nuggets a monthly newsletter. Sincerely Lisa Hollis MSN, RN