HILLSIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

BRIDGEWATER - RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have some children in the Bridgewater Raritan Regional School District who have severe allergies to certain foods. We have learned through consultation with our pediatric allergists, as well as our own research, that certain foods can cause a severe allergic reaction – ranging from hives and itching, to difficulty breathing and possibly cardiac arrest. The seriousness of the allergy is compounded by the fact that these foods do not have to be ingested to cause a reaction – touching something that has had contact with the food product can result in severe consequences. Even trace amounts of residue from these foods on an object in the classroom may induce a reaction.

This letter is to inform you that there are students at Hillside who have severe food allergies. These students are highly allergic to one or more of the following foods: **peanuts, tree nuts, coconut, shellfish/fish, egg, and sesame seeds.** Contact with these foods could cause a life-threatening reaction and may require immediate medical attention.

We are requesting that all snacks brought into the classroom for any reason do not contain these foods. Please carefully check the food label if you are not sure about the ingredients.

One other important item to acknowledge is hand washing. By frequently washing your hands, you wash away germs that you have picked up from other people and/or from contaminated surfaces.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tali Axelrod
Principal