

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

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Blackhawk Families,

For years the federal government has been pushing a healthy food initiative for children. This past summer the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service and the state of Indiana finalized the regulations for schools. These new requirements will directly impact what types of food can be brought to school for snacks, birthday treats, classroom celebrations, and holiday parties. The new rules will also have a large impact on fundraisers. The three main take aways from the new regulations are:

1. Parents who provide food for birthdays and celebrations are encouraged to bring food that meets the smart snack guidelines. We have on the district website, under the Parents tab, a list of possible smart snack alternatives. This is by no means a complete list and other options are available for parents. Also, the cafeteria is offering parents the option of purchasing items such as ice cream sandwiches that meet the federal requirements. The order form can be found under the Parents tab as well.
2. Any food sold by the district must be smart snack compliant until 30 minutes after the end of the school day. This includes vending machines accessible by students.
3. Fundraisers that include the sale of candy or "unhealthy" food will be limited to twice a year. Twice a year does not mean two activities through the full year, it literally means two days during the year. Mr. Ton and Mrs. Schnick will review requests for fundraisers for their two school and forward to the Superintendent's office for approval.

I realize these regulations will change how we have traditionally done things. Please know I understand your concerns and we will work with you to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have a question please ask your principal, Lori Sikora or me and we will do our best to answer.

Thank you,
Curtiss