

February 5, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recently, the USDA made a National School Lunch Program regulation change. USDA ruling 73 FR 52903, Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Program, states that water or juice can no longer be offered as a fluid milk substitute for a student with medical or special dietary needs. We can no longer substitute juice or water for students with milk intolerance or a non-disabling milk allergy. Students may purchase a lunch without milk.

For students with disabilities, the School District will continue to omit fluid milk and provide substitutions when directed by the medical statement from a licensed physician. Enclosed is copy of a "Medical Statement for Students with Special Dietary Needs in Child Nutrition Programs." If applicable (for students with a disability), please forward a completed medical statement to my attention at the school district at your earliest convenience.

Effective Monday, March 15, 2010, parents/guardians may send a milk substitute with their child or purchase water or juice a la carte. Parents/guardians may also send medication such as Lactaid to the school nurse who can administer it to your child prior to their lunch period. Lactaid or any other medication will require a physician's note that states the name of the medication, dose and administration directions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 717-872-9500 x2228.

Sincerely,

Randy L. Wolfgang
Director of Support Services