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Dear Meeting House Parents,

We have made a smooth transition back to school and each child seems to be handling their post-summer schedule well. It has been a positive first week.

This year it has come to our attention that we have many more students who have peanut and tree nut allergies. This increase in children who could possibly have a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction if exposed to peanut and tree nut products (not only through ingestion but also touch) is of great concern to us. Although this hasn't been a requirement in recent years, we feel strongly that due to the severity of the allergies and the number of students who have these allergies, we must create a peanut and tree nut free environment. This would mean that peanut and tree nut products would not be allowed for snacks or lunches.

We know that peanuts can be a major source of nutrition for some of our students and this may cause some inconvenience, but we also feel that the health and well being of all of our students is paramount. This policy will take effect on Monday, September 15th.

There are a number of products that can be substituted for peanut butter including: Sun Butter, and Enjoy Life products. Samples of these items are available to see (and taste) outside the office.

Thank you for your understanding and we apologize for the inconvenience. If you have further questions or concerns, please call or e-mail the office (781-356-7877, mhms@beld.net).