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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with the District's Nutrition Policy and in conjunction with U.S. Dietary Guidelines and USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) nutrition standards, we are writing to remind you of our Board of Education policy #8505.

The Wayne Township Public School District has made a strong commitment through policy to support an environment that ensures the health and well-being of all our children. We know that foods with minimal nutritional value combined with the absence of physical activity adversely impact students' health and wellness.

As a result, our elementary schools do not serve, sell or distribute the following items anywhere on school property during the school day:

- all forms of candy
- all foods and beverages listing sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient
- foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV).

Additionally, we have established a "non-food" birthday or special event treat policy in our elementary schools. Please be advised that any food items will not be distributed and will be returned home. Since we do not wish you or your child to be disappointed or uncomfortable, we respectfully request your cooperation. However, at your discretion, your child may bring in a small non-edible token to distribute to their classmates on their special day. Please be assured that our teachers and principals give special attention to children on their birthdays.

In collaboration with our PTO, there are three times during the school year where treats are permitted, including: Halloween, the December/Winter/ Holiday season, and the end of the year. However, we ask that you please make a concerted effort to eliminate all **Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value (FMNV)**. Class parents and the PTO in conjunction with the school nurse will determine whether treats are acceptable.

We will work together to foster the healthiest environment possible for our children. Please feel free to call your school principal or school nurse should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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