

To: Building Principals
From: Bridget Kotarak
Date: August 10, 2017
Subject: Home-Prepared Foods

Kenosha Unified School District continues to support Kenosha County's request to encourage schools to adhere to the safe public health practice of **no home-prepared foods in schools.**

Adhering to this safe public health practice and requesting food items which are manufactured from a licensed facility promotes the following:

- a. Controls the spread of communicable disease from infected individuals and minimize the transmission to student and staff. Licensed facilities are inspected and monitored by public health officials.
- b. Reduces economic hardship for parents/guardians that would require staying home from work with infected children when their child is excluded from school during a communicable disease outbreak.
- c. Reduces the risk of a life-threatening reaction for students with known allergies to certain food products.

Therefore, Kenosha Unified Schools will continue to encourage safe food practices in our school settings in order to maintain a healthy student and staff population. These safe and health practices promote school attendance, yield a safer school environment and support the District's educational goals. Please direct any questions/concerns regarding this communication to Office of Special Education and Student Support (359-7392) or the school nurse in your building.

Sincerely,

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