

# **Understanding Branchburg Township Schools' Food Safety Program Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## **An explanation of the safety, health and wellness guidelines**

The goal of the Branchburg Township Schools regarding life-threatening food allergies is to engage in a system-wide effort to:

1. Prevent any occurrence for life-threatening food-based allergic reaction
2. Prepare for any allergic reactions to food
3. Respond appropriately to any food allergy emergencies that arise

## **FOOD SAFETY**

**The guidelines listed below will be followed during official school hours at Whiton Elementary and Stony Brook School (Pre-K-5)**

1. All classrooms will be NUT-free (peanut/tree-nut free). Nut products may be kept in a student's backpack/lunchbox for later consumption in the lunchroom only.
2. Appropriate information will be provided to staff regarding children with life threatening food allergies.
3. All food that is brought to school must be consumed only by the student who brought it in. School, lunchroom, and classroom rules will list, "No sharing of food."
4. Unless specifically as part of the written Board of Education approved curriculum, food will not be used for classroom activities.
5. Health lessons should teach students to be aware and sensitive that others may have food allergies.
6. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water after lunch and at snack time.
7. On the bus, all food must remain in the students' backpack.
8. Any food sent to school that does not meet these guidelines will be returned home with your child.

### **Snack**

1. All snacks must be NUT-free.
2. Any snack containing NUTs will be returned to your child's lunchbox and stored back in their backpack.

*Please note: Snacks from Dunkin Donuts are not permitted, as they are made in a facility that processes nuts in the making of their donuts.*