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Director of Nutrition Services

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recent USDA regulation has stipulated a specific soy beverage for all fluid milk allergies. Therefore, Columbia Public Schools Nutrition Services is no longer allowed to provide water or juice as a substitute for milk allergies or intolerance unless the physician's order specifies the condition as a disability.

We will provide a soy beverage that is equivalent to cow's milk as allowed by USDA. Free drinking water will always be available in or near the cafeteria if a student requests the need. A parent/student may choose to purchase juice or bottled water.

As part of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, it is not a requirement for a student to choose a soy beverage with their meal. The soy beverage will be the only milk substitute available and will be provided daily.

Please feel free to contact the Nutrition Services Department with any questions at 573-214-3480.

Sincerely,

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