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The goal of the approved foods list is to create an environment that is as safe as possible from exposure to food allergens. One in thirteen children has a food allergy, and nearly 40% of those have experienced a life threatening allergy. In order to create a positive environment for all, we must work together to keep our students healthy, safe, and feeling included. The approved foods list creates a safe environment by promoting consistency both within, and amongst, the eight elementary schools.

We are aware of the request to expand the current list for parties. In making the list we are not just looking at allergens but facility cleaning procedures and labeling practices to avoid cross contamination. After multiple meetings with stakeholders including staff, parents, and nurses, the determination has been made to keep the current list of approved foods outlined below for parties for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Drinks: 100% Fruit juices and water
- Enjoy Life Foods
- “School Safe” brand peanut and tree nut free cupcakes from Treasure Mills
- Pre-packaged Fruits and Vegetables
- Original Oreos
- Lays Potato Chips (Classic)
- Rold Gold Pretzels
- Pringles
- 100% Fruit Ice Pops
- Nabisco Teddy Grahams (Honey)
- Pizza (optional for End-of-Year party only)

At this point, these are the only items approved for class parties. Moving forward, we would like to continue a collaborative conversation about possible revisions to this list as well as options for additional strategies, including a “bring your own food” event, to make class parties enjoyable for all students while maintaining safety.

Thank you for all of the work that you do to make our class parties a fun and memorable experience for our students.