

# **Corinth Central School Cafeteria**

## **105 Oak Street Corinth, New York 12822**

Dear Parent/Guardian and Health Care Provider;

Please review the following information so that we may provide the proper diet required for your student/patient.

**The following is an excerpt from the USDA's manual on "Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs".**

### **In Cases of Food Allergy**

Generally, children with food allergies or intolerances do not have a disability as defined under either Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or Part B of IDEA, and the school food service may, but is not required to, make food substitutions for them.

However, when in the licensed physician's assessment, food allergies may result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of "disability," and the substitutions prescribed by the licensed physician must be made.

### **OTHER SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

The school food service may make food substitutions, at their discretion, for individual children who do not have a disability, but who are medically certified as having a special medical or dietary need.

Such determinations are only made on a case-by-case basis. This provision covers those children who have food intolerances or allergies but do not have life-threatening reactions (anaphylactic reactions) when exposed to the food(s) to which they have problems.

### **Medical Statement for Children with Special Dietary Needs**

Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement, which explains the food substitution that is requested. It must be signed by a recognized medical authority.

The medical statement must include:

- ✓ An identification of the medical or other special dietary condition which restricts the child's diet.
- ✓ The food or foods to be omitted from the child's diet.
- ✓ The food or choice of foods to be substituted.

\*\*\*In the case of Milk allergy or intolerance, we can provide; Lactaid, Soy or Almond Milk when the proper documentation is provided. Please note, that Juice and Water are not allowable substitutions for Milk in a students' reimbursable meal.

Respectfully,

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