Margaret Garrett, Director (360) 302-5807 Shellie Friedrich, Head Cashier (360) 302-5806

| To the Parent of Guardian of |   |  |
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| Allergy                      | - |  |
| Self-Monitors                | - |  |

USDA Child Nutrition Programs support access to healthy meals to all children, including children with disabilities who have special dietary needs. A disability is defined as an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. This can include allergies and digestive conditions. However, it does not include personal diet preferences.

Please be advised that the USDA Child and Nutrition Program must follow certain guidelines when accommodating a student with allergies and digestive conditions. Our office (Chimacum School Food and Nutrition Department) is in the process of updating our records and have enclosed the form "Request for Special Dietary Accommodations" that will need to be filled out and signed by a State Recognized Medical Authority in order for us to provide food to be substituted or omitted/avoided from your student's diet.

We will be requiring the form to be on file in our office for the school year 2020/2021 and beyond. Please have the enclosed dietary accommodation form filled out and turned back in at your earliest convenience and no later than September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Continued communication is necessary for the most up to date care. Please communicate with our office if there are:

- 1. New special dietary needs
- 2. Updated restrictions (for example: your child was not able to eat tomatoes, but now they can).
- 3. Questions or concerns about your child's care.

We realize that some students have some diet sensitivities which do not need the request form. These are "Self Monitored" cases. We would still like to have you turn in a letter to our department that states this fact so that we can still have on file in our office. If your child has had an allergy in the past that is no longer valid, please send a signed statement regarding that fact and send to our office at the above address.

Thank you for your continued support and please remember that we will need the "Request for Dietary Accommodations" form back to our office no later than September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Margaret Garrett, Food Services Director at (360-302-5807) or myself at (360) 302-5806.

Sincerely,

Shellie Friedrich Head Cashier Chimacum School District Food and Nutrition Department