Knox City - O'Brien Consolidated Independent School District

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It has come to my attention we have one or more students with severe allergies to peanuts. The student(s) allergy is severe enough to cause the student(s) to have an *Anaphylaxis* reaction. This reaction can result in a potentially life-threatening reaction that impairs breathing and can send the body into shock.

Based upon my research and understanding of the peanut allergy, and in consultation with Dr. Duke, the student(s) could suffer from an allergic reaction not only from ingesting peanuts but from possibly coming into contact with peanuts on the skin or breathing peanut dust. This could be as simple as touching a doorknob that another student who had peanut butter on their hand had previously touched.

Due to the life threatening danger this can cause, the District will institute a peanut free policy. While we will not be serving anything with peanuts in the cafeteria on any campus, we are also asking that no student be allowed to bring anything that contains peanuts to school in their lunch or for snacks. This will include all school and classroom parties. While I realize this may cause an inconvenience for you, I know if this were your child(ren) you would want the same consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at your convenience by phone at 940-657-3521 or in person at the School Administration Office at 606 East Main Street.

Sincerely.

Louis Baty, Superintenden