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Dear Parent,

Knowing that you have a child in District 67 with allergies, we are sensitive to your concerns for your child's safety. As you know, we maintain a completely peanut and tree nut free kitchen environment to help reduce the risks to children with allergies and to ensure that there is no possible cross contamination from peanuts and tree nuts.

At this time we would like to introduce you to a product that we will soon be offering in the District 67 cafeterias. The product is soybutter or as we refer to it, "Soy Spread". It is an alternate option from peanut butter and contains soybeans and soybean oil. In addition it is manufactured in a nut free facility and has a nutty flavor. Attached you will find ingredient and allergen labels for your review.

We feel that it was important to share this information with for a few reasons. First, this product looks like peanut butter. When made into a sandwich or sitting in the jar on the counter in the kitchen this product could be viewed as peanut butter, although the label clearly states soybutter. When we thought of the possibility of you or your child hearing that someone got a PB & J sandwich from the cafeteria, we knew that it was imperative for us to assure you that with the introduction of this product, it will not change the fact that we will remain a peanut and tree nut kitchen facility.

The soybutter will allow us to offer students soybutter and jelly sandwiches, fruits and veggies with soybutter dip along with possible other recipe options which would normally require peanut butter. We will now be able to use the soybutter as an alternate ingredient!

We anticipate offering this product beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please review the attached labels and contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Remember the safety of the children in District 67 is our first priority.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne L. Simons".

Anne Simons  
Food Service Director  
Quest F.M.S. at District 67