

# BEAR RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Parents,

In recent weeks we have a concern surfacing that we need your help to resolve. At Bear River Middle School we are under very strict guidelines concerning the food provided to students. Federal Guidelines require that there be no other unauthorized food choices provided for sale to students from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. This applies to the entire school campus which includes all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are *accessible to students* during the school day.

Bear River Middle School is also a closed campus. This means that students are not to leave the school campus during school hours. It also means that visitors are not to engage students unless granted permission through the office.

Having stated these two conditions which we operate under at Bear River Middle School, we are having a problem with various persons bringing food to students on campus from local vendors during lunchtime. This practice violates the two previously mentioned guidelines the school operates under. There are high school siblings, family members, and even pizza delivery persons coming to school to make deliveries to students. Some come into the building wanting the office to get the food to the students, others are answering a request from a student to have a pizza delivered. The delivery comes to the school and then the student must be found to make the payment and accept the delivery. This is a very disruptive practice for the school environment.

Many parents have requested that our students not have contact with high school students during the school day. We have some major concerns about high school students making drive-by deliveries at the curb or street in front of the middle school. These deliveries are bringing a bag of burgers or 3 or more pizzas. They also include several large drinks or a six-pack of carbonated and caffeinated drinks. Some enterprising students are then trying to sell these items to other students. These items are not allowed for middle school aged students under the Federal Guidelines. Access to these types of drive-by deliveries could facilitate the distribution of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products to middle school students.

Therefore, to protect our students and comply with federally mandated guidelines, beginning October 9, 2014, **we will no longer allow these type of deliveries to the school. If a parent wishes to personally make a food delivery to the school for only their student, such will be permitted as long as they make that delivery to the office so student safety can be controlled.**

Students who leave campus by going into the curb or street to accept a delivery or others who come to the school and attempt to make a delivery will be considered in violation of our closed campus environment and resulting trespassing charges could be imposed.

We solicit your cooperation with this matter. If you have any questions and concerns, please call the school at 435-257-2560 and ask to speak with an Administrator.

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