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Hello Sayville Families,

Per the USDA, the following has been determined: *The Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research (FASTER) Act of 2021 declares sesame as the ninth major food allergen and, effective January 1, 2023, will require FDA-regulated products to declare the presence of the allergen in a “contains” label statement.*”

Based on the above statement and to come into compliance with the USDA’s requirements, our contracted bread vendor, Modern Italian Bakery, has decided that it would be easier to add sesame seeds to all of their products rather than have to change all of their packaging to meet the new declaration requirements under the current time constraints.

With this in mind, we recognize that the families of any Sayville student(s) with a sesame seed allergy will now need to consider that the bread that they may have consumed in the past will NO longer be safe for them.

Therefore, until further notice we ask that you please assume that all bread provided by Sayville Schools contains sesame seed in some form so that you may decide how to proceed in the best interest for the health and safety of your child(ren).

We apologize for the inconvenience that this situation may cause your household.

Thank you,

The Sayville Schools Food & Nutrition Department