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Dear Teachers and Parents,

We are excited to announce the debut of our salad bar in the lunchroom! We are ready to start serving from the salad bar on Monday, February 1st. The salad bar is part of every hot lunch meal, and will have various fresh fruits, vegetables and lettuce salad items available daily. Students who buy hot lunch will go through the salad bar line, but students who bring cold lunch do not have the opportunity to buy just the salad bar at this time.

With this new endeavor, we have established several guidelines. I will be reviewing these with all of the students on Friday, January 29th, during their lunch hours. I would also appreciate if you could talk to your students about these guidelines before I meet with them Friday, and then continue to reinforce them over the next few weeks. It will take some time for the students to remember the proper way to get food from the salad bar. We want to keep them healthy! For the first several weeks, a parent will be monitoring the salad bar through all of the lunch hours.

As they enter the cafeteria, the students will wash their hands as usual. They will then proceed to get their milk, which has been moved closer to the doorway. Next, they will pick up their tray, and proceed to the salad bar. A parent will help them take food from the salad bar (as needed). Students **must** take items from the salad bar, as this is their fruit/vegetable serving for the day. They will then proceed to the window to get their entrée and any hot vegetables/side dishes for the day. The staff will be able to see how much food they have from the salad bar, to ensure that we continue to meet the standards for providing the various food groups. Condiments will continue to be self serve from the front table.

Students may get second helpings from the salad bar, but must use a new tray or bowl. We will also have them use hand gel again before touching the utensils. They may not use their fork/spoon to get more food.

Students may not touch the salad bar if they cough/sneeze/wipe their mouths etc. without first using the hand sanitizer again. This may seem so obvious to us, but it will be the hardest thing for them to learn. We must do everything we can to prevent the spread of germs.

Again, I will be emphasizing all of these rules on Friday. We appreciate any help you can give us. If you have questions, please contact any committee member.

Enjoy the Salad Bar!

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