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In 2005, the state and federal government signed Senate Bills 12 and 965 in response to the "epidemic of childhood obesity and overweight children." Senate Bill 12 also known as the "Junk Food Ban" law, led to the creation of the School Nutrition Standards (SNS) which placed "limits on fat and portion size on all foods sold a la carte in vending machines or school stores, or as fundraisers," for students in grades K-12. Senate Bill 965, or the "High School Soda Ban," eliminates the sale of soda and other artificially sweetened drinks for the entire campus. The purpose of both Bills is to assist with preventing obesity. (California Center for Public Health Advocacy).

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to prepare our campus community to meet the School Nutrition Standards compliance requirements, which must be fully implemented in 2009-2010, MHS is adhering to the timeline as set by the state and federal government. This timeline will gradually phase out food and beverage items that do not meet the school nutrition standard. (California Center for Public Health Advocacy).

Beginning July 1, 2007, foods and beverages deemed as "foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV)" and "non-compliant beverages" items will not be sold on our campus during breakfast (7:00 – 7:30 a.m.) or lunch (11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.). Clubs and organizations are allowed to sell FMNV "one half hour after the end of the school-day or off the school premises." The Food Services and Student Store are the only entities on campus that are allowed to sell approved items before school, during lunch and after school.

Proudly, Food Services and the Student Store are in total compliance with the state and federal requirements listed below. Nevertheless, it is important to keep in mind that students may choose to bring non-compliant foods and beverages to school. MHS does not have any control over these decisions and will not be responsible for monitoring non-compliant items brought onto campus by students from outside vendors.

TIMELINE PER THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

2007-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB12 requirements for snack foods in effect (calories, fat, sugar) • Phase out 50% of non-compliant beverages sold the previous year
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2009-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully compliant with SB12 with all snack food sales. • SB965 fully in effect. No beverages may be sold in high schools during school hours except milk, fruit/vegetable-based drinks, and water without sweeteners.

REFERENCES

Website: California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA) – www.PublicHealthAdvocacy.org

Website: California Department of Education - www.cde.ca.gov