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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** National School Lunch Program Participants

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**DATE:** April 4, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce and to present an exciting opportunity for all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The ADE will be selecting 25 additional schools to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) through a competitive application process.

The FFVP provides fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day in addition to the National School Lunch Program. The goal of the program is to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption, increase nutrition education, and create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices.

Effective for the school year beginning July 1, 2008, the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriation Act will provide \$9.9 million to expand the FFVP to those states that were not previously authorized to participate on a permanent basis and were not part of the FY 2006 Appropriation.

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Information regarding the FFVP and the application can be found on Arizona's Department of Education website: [www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/whatsnew](http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/whatsnew). Completed applications must be post-marked by **Friday, April 25, 2008** to be considered.

ADE encourages you to take part in this wonderful opportunity by participating in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. It is another way to help your students develop lifelong healthy eating habits.

For questions regarding the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program application process, please contact Kerrie Zigler by phone at (602) 364-2354 or by email at [kerrie.zigler@azed.gov](mailto:kerrie.zigler@azed.gov).

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