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TO: National School Lunch Program Administrators
Food Service Directors and Commodity Contacts

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Food Distribution Director

I am excited to announce that Jessica Creed-Capsel has accepted the challenging role of Food Distribution Director at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Jessica is an extremely qualified individual who I am confident will be a dedicated leader for the Food Distribution Team as well as our customers.

Jessica joined ADE in 2008 as a Health and Nutrition Program Specialist in the National School Lunch Program where her skills and dedication quickly elevated her to the rank of Team Lead. Jessica brings to the position a balance of strong business and nutrition knowledge, skills, and experience. Prior to her career in child nutrition, she worked as an Operations Supervisor and internal auditor for Citigroup. Jessica currently serves as Secretary for the Arizona Action for Healthy Kids coalition which focuses on reducing childhood obesity and improving nutrition and physical activity in schools. She is also a recent graduate of the Children's Action Alliance Leadership Academy which coaches effective advocacy of children's issues and public policy.

Jessica has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rhetoric from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics from Arizona State University. She is a Registered Dietetic Technician and a School Nutrition Specialist. She looks forward to expanding Food Distribution Program efforts into Farm to School initiatives by developing relationships between Arizona schools and local farmers. Jessica comes to the Food Distribution Program with great passion and vision for child nutrition and hunger-related issues.

Please join me in welcoming Jessica and congratulating her on her promotion into the Food Distribution Program.