



State of Arizona
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MEMORANDUM

To: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Sponsors
From: Mary Szafranski, Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services
Date: November 19, 2013
Subject: Promotion of Mark Frantz, Co-Director of Compliance

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I am excited to announce the addition of Mark Frantz, Co-Director of Compliance along with Cara Peczkowski, Co-Director of Implementation for the School Nutrition Programs (SNP) Unit. Mark has been a part of SNP for 7 years and has a Dietetics degree from Arizona State University. During his 7 years, he has fulfilled several duties including team lead, oversight of the administrative reviews, verification, direct certification, and school breakfast. Mark has been certified as a School Nutrition Specialist through the School Nutrition Association since 2009. In addition to the work he does for SNP, as a registered dietetic technician, Mark served with the Arizona Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for the past 2 years as a board member.

SNP has adopted a co-director structure in order to assist with the increased requirements from USDA to administer and monitor the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). The intent for SNP moving to a co-director structure is to help narrow the focus on the new requirement of a 3 year cycle for reviews of all participating sponsors. This will also allow SNP the ability to provide more specific technical assistance to the ever increasing number of sponsors participating in USDA's child nutrition programs as well as HNS/SNP staff. The co-directorship will help SNP with the increased scope of the administrative review process along with SNP's goal to provide excellent customer service and technical assistance during the thorough review process.

Mark Frantz and his staff will focus on the compliance and monitoring of the NSLP and SBP. Cara Peczkowski and her staff will focus on the implementation and training components for sponsors participating in NSLP and SBP. Cara and her staff will also be able to provide increased technical assistance to sponsors in any phase of the child nutrition programs. SNP strives to ensure: information is delivered in a timely and effective manner, communication is clear and effective, data and materials related to the program are accurate, staff maintains a high level of program knowledge, technical assistance is helpful, staff collaboratively works with all sponsors, and USDA child nutrition program requirements are met.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Mark on his promotion to the co-director of compliance.

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