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MEMORANDUM

To: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program, School Administrators, School Health Services Staff and ADE Partners

From: Mary Szafranski, Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services Division

Date: January 7, 2016

RE: Introducing a new unit in our division

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I would like to introduce to you our new unit in Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS). *Clinical School Health Services* is designed to assist schools in providing safe, quality health services for Arizona students.

The purpose of this new unit is to facilitate the development of standards and guidelines related to school health services and to interpret and update those that exist. Additionally, Clinical School Health Services will provide and promote professional development for school nurses and school health support staff. This unit will develop and promote a quality assurance model to enhance safe practice for the delivery of health care for Arizona students. We will be reviewing and evaluating information for the purpose of data collection and analysis. This will assist in the provision of evidence-based practices, monitoring of health related services and school nursing practices in Arizona.

The new director of this unit, Nerissa Emers, looks forward to supporting schools in providing optimum health services and working with our statewide partners and stakeholders to provide the tools needed to serve Arizona's students.

Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/school-health-programs/school-health-services/>

Additional resources:

<http://www.nasn.org/Portals/0/about/FiveWays.pdf>

<http://www.nasn.org/Portals/0/positions/2013psreimbursement.pdf>

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