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MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Specified LEAs

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

Holly Mueller, Program Director  
Arizona Department of Education, School Health & Nutrition Programs

**Date:** August 22, 2005

**RE:** House Bill 2544 – Healthy Food Sales in Schools

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**This memo is to inform you that your school must join the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) by the 2006/2007 school year.**

The State of Arizona recently passed House Bill 2544, effective August 11, 2005, to improve the health of Arizona's children by creating healthier environments. The law applies to all public elementary, middle, and junior high schools. To view the complete law, please go to [www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/HB2544/Default.asp](http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/HB2544/Default.asp). The main points of the law include:

- Requires all public elementary, middle and junior high schools to participate in the NSLP, unless the school district has fewer than 100 students.
- Requires the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) by July 1, 2006, to develop minimum nutrition standards that meet at least the federal guidelines for food and beverages sold on the school grounds of elementary, middle and junior high schools during the school day.
- Requires food and beverages sold or served on the school grounds of elementary, middle and junior high schools or at elementary, middle or junior high school sponsored events held during the normal school day to meet nutrition standards developed by the ADE. This includes: a la carte items and food and beverages sold in vending machines, snack bars, kiosks and school stores.

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- Prohibits elementary, middle, and junior high schools from serving or selling any foods which are considered of minimal nutritional value, as defined by federal regulations, during the normal school day on campus.
- Requires new and renewal contracts for food and beverages, after July 15, 2006, to prohibit the sale of sugared, carbonated beverages and all other foods of minimal nutritional value.

To apply for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program there are **three steps** that must be followed. To view these steps and related forms, visit our website at [www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/Operating](http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/Operating) and click on **“How to Apply”**. This will guide you through the process of applying for the NSLP.

### **Step 1:**

New sponsors of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program **must register** and attend training beginning with modules 1-7. Go to [www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration](http://www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration) to register.

### **Step 2:**

Choose which programs your facility would like to administer, and indicate it on your Food Service Agreement. For more information regarding the different programs, visit Program Description and Requirements.

### **Step 3:**

New Sponsors must submit an On-line Application for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After School Care Snack Program, and Summer Food Service Program via the CNP Web Program. Complete CNP Web/Common Logon Security Agreement and submit to ADE, Health and Nutrition Services.

**All forms must be approved by March 31, 2006 in order to operate the NSLP for the 2006/2007 school year.**

If you feel this memo does not apply to your school, please contact a School Health & Nutrition Programs Specialist at 602-542-8700. For questions related to how to apply for the NSLP, please contact Jackie Wilson at 602-542-8725.