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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Date: January 20, 2006

RE: USDA announcement of Simplified Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for all
Arizona SFSP Traditional sponsors

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) was notified by the USDA that as of January 1, 2006, all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) participating in the Traditional SFSP will be transitioned to the Simplified Summer Food Service Program. Arizona will become the twentieth state to participate in this program aimed to reduce the amount of paperwork and time typically spent on the administrative tasks required for the Traditional SFSP.

The chart below provides a few of the benefits of the Simplified program has over the Traditional option.

	Traditional	Simplified
Reimbursement Rates	Lesser of the two: Costs or meals X rates.	Always receive meals X rates no matter the costs. Same rates as the traditional option.

	Traditional	Simplified
Application requirements	All LEAs- Full application including estimated budget for administrative and operational costs. Budget will be used to determine what the sponsor will be reimbursed.	Non profit LEAs- full application plus budget. All others LEAs- full application but can have budget waived if they ran the program in previous years without problems.
Commodities	Required to keep track of commodities separately, not to be used for any other Child Nutrition Program if not completely utilized for SFSP.	Can use commodities from other Child Nutrition Programs (NSLP, SBP, etc). Commodities left over from SFSP can be used during regular school year.

The ADE will be offering trainings on the new Simplified program beginning in March 2006 throughout the state. They will provide more detailed information on the Simplified option. All LEAs who operated a Traditional program and intend on operating a SFSP this summer will be required to attend one of the trainings offered. The Traditional SFSP program will no longer be available to LEAs and will be replaced with the Simplified option.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health and Nutrition Specialist at 602-542-8700.