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Health and Nutrition Services Division

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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Education Agencies Operating the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

From: Melissa Conner, Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services Division

Date: April 3, 2018

RE: Completion of the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSCC) Award Program

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform School Food Authorities (SFAs) of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) decision to end the HUSCC Award Program, effective July 1, 2018. USDA made the announcement in its [correspondence to State Agencies and National Partners](#) on February 28, 2018.

On March 13, 2018, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) hosted a webinar on the Completion of the HUSCC Award Program. This webinar provides further guidance on the transition, as well as other helpful information for schools that are in the process of applying for awards, schools that have submitted applications, and schools that have received awards. The recorded webinar can be viewed at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/completion-healthierus-school-challenge-award-program>. USDA is accepting HUSCC applications through June 30, 2018 and the final awards will be announced by December 31, 2018. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) recommends that SFAs submit their applications by June 1, 2018 to ensure all application documentation is complete by the June 30 deadline.

The HUSCC application materials can be found at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/huscc/application-materials>. SFAs interested in submitting applications should contact Jessica Krug at Jessica.Krug@azed.gov or Keri Schoeff at Keri.Schoeff@azed.gov to discuss the application submission process.

The HUSCC Award Program has inspired and assisted thousands of schools to create healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity. ADE looks forward to recognizing and celebrating schools that go above and beyond to promote health and nutrition in the school community.

Diane M. Douglas, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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