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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Administrators, Selected Nonpublic School Administrators, and Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *cw*

SUBJECT: Summer Food Service Program During a H1N1-Related School Closure

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memorandum dated July 23, 2009, outlines how schools and community organizations may obtain authorization from their states to utilize the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide reimbursable meals to low-income children during school closures related to the H1N1 influenza virus.

USDA has added flexibility using program waiver authority in an effort to address concerns regarding the loss of school meals for low-income children. As a result, the Michigan Department of Education has developed Food Service Administrative Policy No. 5 – Summer Food Service Program During a H1N1-Related School Closure that explains the requirements for School Food Authorities (SFA) and Community Organizations (CO) that may decide to serve meals under the SFSP during a H1N1-related school closure. A copy of the policy is available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/No. 5\\_SFSP\\_During\\_a\\_H1N1-Related\\_Sch\\_Closure\\_296303\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/No.5_SFSP_During_a_H1N1-Related_Sch_Closure_296303_7.doc).

Questions regarding this memo may be directed to the Grants Coordination and School Support, School Nutrition Training and Programs unit by email to [MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov) or phone 517-373-3347.

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