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TO: Directors, Supervisors and Contact Persons, Addressed

FROM: Lynne A. Fellin, SNS 
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DATE: August 24, 2016

SUBJECT: Introduction of New School Nutrition Program Specialists

The Virginia Department of Education (DOE), Office of School Nutrition Programs (SNP) welcomed two new staff members recently.

Karen Patterson joins DOE-SNP in a new role working with private schools, private RCCIs and other private sponsors that recently came under the responsibility of DOE. Karen is a registered dietitian who has worked in hospitals, WIC, and the USDA school meal programs. She is experienced in compliance monitoring for healthcare and nutrition programs. Karen has worked in state government, including previously at DOE, and her most recent position was at Central State Hospital.

Sara Silvernail comes to Virginia and DOE-SNP from Colorado to work as the SNP specialist for Region 7. Sara is a registered dietitian with experience in the USDA school meal programs and CACFP. Her most recent position was as the training coordinator for the Colorado Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition providing leadership for development and delivery of educational opportunities for school nutrition professionals. Sara works out of the Southwest Virginia regional office in Marion.

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The primary point of contact for schools and sponsors of the school nutrition programs is the SNP specialist assigned to your region. For a list of school divisions in each region, the specialist assigned, and their contact information, please see the directory on the DOE Web site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/resources/region_specialists.shtml.

If the assigned specialist is not immediately available, your voicemail or email message will receive a timely response. If you have a question that requires immediate assistance, please call the Office of School Nutrition Programs at (804) 225-2082 or 2074 and the administrative support staff, India Ligon or Crystal Christmas, will direct your call.

We look forward to continue working together with you to provide nutritious meals to Virginia's children.

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