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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

**FROM:** Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Voluntary Hold - Café Favorites Products

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update regarding Café Favorites voluntary hold on all of their products, commercial and commodity, purchased since November 1, 2008.

Update

On January 18, 2009, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requested that the attached letter from Café Favorites dated January 16, 2009, be forwarded to all School Food Authorities (SFAs). Commercial products and products made using USDA commodity foods should not be served until further instruction is received from Café Favorites and the USDA.

Action Needed

Gordon Food Service (GFS) and Van Eerden Food Service have been contacted by Café Favorites. The following products have been placed on hold by each distributor. Each product is identified by the item number, which is printed on the outside of the box/case.

Distributor	Item Number	Item Description
Van Eerden	#22296	Whole Grain Grilled Cheese
GFS	#22296	Whole Grain Grilled Cheese
	#12196	Whole Grain Toasty Dog
	#02172	Whole Grain Turkey Ham and Cheese Melt

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Schools that have received Café Favorites products were contacted by each distributor and advised to segregate and hold the cases of product identified above until further instruction is received from Café Favorites, USDA, and/or the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

Any questions related to this memorandum should be directed to Cheryl Schubel, Supervisor, at 517-373-8642, e-mail [schubelc@michigan.gov](mailto:schubelc@michigan.gov) or Lucia Campbell, Analyst, at 517-373-1073, e-mail [Campbelll4@michigan.gov](mailto:Campbelll4@michigan.gov).

Attachment

cc: Food Service Directors



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**511 Industrial Park Blvd.**  
**Elbow Lake, MN 56531**  
**Tel: (218) 685-6500**  
**Fax: (218) 685-6506**

January 16, 2009

Dear Valued Customer:

My name is Len Kretchman. I am the president and owner of Café Favorites. In the last week we had a one hour lot of our 02384 IW Whole Grain Super Sub test positive for listeria monocytogenes. The product from the day code 08343220 was located and recalled along with an additional 19 hours of production. The product is out of distribution and in Café Favorites possession.

There have been no reported cases of illness.

Most recently, as a precaution I have issued a hold order on all Café Favorites products. At this time no additional product has tested positive for listeria monocytogenes. This is a precautionary action.

Café Favorites will communicate any instruction as it relates to our products in the days to come.

Sincerely,

Len Kretchman  
President  
Café Favorites  
(218) 685-6500