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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

Date: July 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Hold Notice - All Café Favorites Products**

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding a hold issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for all Café Favorites products, commercial and commodity, on July 2, 2009.

Update

On July 2, 2009, the FDA advised the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) that all products from Café Favorites (W.A. Kretch) be put on hold immediately due to potential contamination with *Listeria Monocytogenes*. All products should be located, segregated, and labeled so that it cannot be served and consumed in any Child Nutrition Program.

Commercial products and products made using USDA commodity foods should not be served or consumed until further instruction is received from the FDA, USDA, and/or the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

FDA is conducting investigations at the plant and has concerns about environmental conditions that might affect the safety of the finished products. The Food and Nutrition Service (NFS) knows of no illnesses associated with Café Favorites products.

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Action Needed

Because Café Favorites is a major producer of sandwiches for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that use USDA commodity foods as part of the National Processing Agreement, FDA has requested that all schools, institutions, and SFSP sponsors be notified of this hold.

Schools, institutions, and sponsors that have received Café Favorites products from their distributors are advised to segregate and hold all cases of product until further instruction is received from the FDA, USDA, and/or the MDE. **Do not discard any cases of product or return product to your distributors at this time.**

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

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