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## Memorandum

To:

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School Principals

From:

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Director, Bureau of Indian Education

Subject:

USDA School Meal Standards Training

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) will be providing a training to all Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded schools on April 26, 2012, from 4 P.M. to 5 P.M., Eastern Time. Participation in the training is mandatory for all BIE operated school Principals and Food Service Directors. Tribally controlled schools and other staff within BIE-funded schools are highly encouraged to participate.

The training will provide BIE-funded schools with important updates and changes regarding new federal regulations for school meal standards. In January 2012, the USDA released the new standards for school meals which will result in many changes for all schools nationwide. The new standards require healthier meals be provided to children across the nation and for the first time in more than fifteen years, raise the standards of school meal programs.

Attached is a flyer providing instructions on registering for the training. Registration is required for participation in the training session.

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