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SUBJECT: Prohibition of Separation by Gender during

Child Nutrition Program Meal Service

TO: Regional Directors

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The attached memorandum titled, “Guidance on Prohibition of Separation by Gender in Schools during School Meals” sets forth guidance on the separation of children by gender during a Child Nutrition Program meal service. The memorandum also clarifies that this requirement applies to children not participating in the program meal, but in a facility that receives Federal funds. Please share this information with your school food authorities, institutions, and sponsors.

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Attachment