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Waterford School District Food & Nutrition Services Director Named Michigan Director of the Year

October 26, 2016, Waterford, Mich. – The School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) announced that Doreen Simonds, Food and Nutrition Services Director, has been awarded the 2016 Michigan Director of the Year Award.

Simonds was selected for this award “for her tireless efforts to ensure all children in the Waterford School District have access to healthy, flavorful food, which has led to increases in both breakfast and lunch participation,” says Scott Little, SNAM Associate Executive Director. Little further stated “she is active in SNAM, regularly presenting at conferences, sharing her experiences and expertise for the benefit of other school food professionals across the State”.

Simonds has worked in the Food and Nutrition Services Department for 31 years, six as an administrator. Under her leadership, every building in the District has received either a bronze, silver or gold HUSSC Award from USDA. In 2011, Simonds attended the HUSSC celebration at the White House where the Waterford School District received the Gold award from Michelle Obama. She successfully led her team in implementing the Michigan Nutrition Standards and all buildings now participate in the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement program. Simonds will be given this award the SNAM 2016 Annual Conference on October 28 during an award ceremony dinner.

SNAM represents over 1700 school food service professionals throughout Michigan. Membership is open to persons engaged in school food service or related activities in public, non-public schools, and colleges and universities.

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