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### **ADRIANNE SCHWARTZ ANNOUNCED ALASKA AND NORTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR**

JUNEAU, AK – MAY 17, 2019 – The Alaska School Nutrition Association (AKSNA) is pleased to announce Adrienne Schwartz of Juneau School District has earned the distinctions of School Nutrition Association (SNA)'s 2019 Northwest Region Director of the Year and AKSNA's 2019 Director of the Year.

Within her first year as supervisor of the food service program, Schwartz added hot lunches and salad bars to all school sites, skyrocketing student lunch participation. Schwartz also implemented a school-sponsored Universal Breakfast program at the district's elementary and middle schools, as well as their alternative high school. Working with a local interagency group, Schwartz reaches outside her school duties to address how the district meets hunger needs throughout the whole community. A strong advocate for professional development and supporter of the Alaska School Nutrition Association (AKSNA), Schwartz encourages her staff to attend state agency trainings and conferences when possible. Leading by example, she creates fun events around special school nutrition promotions, including National School Lunch Week and National School Breakfast Week. Schwartz leads a monthly School Nutrition Advisory Committee and sits on the state USDA Foods Advisory Committee in an effort to ensure children in her district and across the state have access to healthy meals.

Schwartz will be honored in July during the Red-Carpet Awards Ceremony at the SNA's Annual National Conference, July 14 – 16, 2019 in St. Louis, MO.

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*AKSNA is the state affiliate of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 58,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country. Recognized as the authority on school nutrition, SNA has been advancing the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education since 1946.*