Recently, the Office of Child Nutrition (OCN) added a new position to our staff, Director of Nutrition Education. It is our pleasure to announce that Ms. April Catchings will serve in this important position. Ms. Catchings has worked for OCN as a Food Service Supervisor III since 2005. Her educational background and experience proved her to be a great candidate for this position.

In her new role, Ms. Catchings will be a part of the OCN TEAM that will educate school districts on the new USDA Nutrition Standards for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and the contribution these standards make toward academic achievement. Ms. Catchings will also serve as the liaison for the Office of Child Nutrition to professional organizations.

Further, she will work closely with all participating organizations, parents, health councils and others to promote and teach Nutrition Education. This position will provide a key supportive role to students, school districts, and Child and Adult Food Care (CACFP) sponsors across the State of Mississippi to promote good nutrition and combat childhood obesity.