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Whitsons Culinary Group Appoints Laura Gaglione to District Manager



Whitsons Culinary Group (www.whitsons.com) is pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Gaglione to District Manager. Laura will be responsible for providing leadership and management for several Food Service Directors within Whitsons' growing territories.

"Laura has played a critical role in helping to transform our school nutrition division, despite the challenges presented by the HHFKA and SSIS. Her creative and innovative style and experience with school nutrition has helped us reinvent our programs," said Chris Fautas, Vice President of Operations for Whitsons Culinary Group.

Laura Gaglione has over 19 years of combined experience in the food service industry and has demonstrated proficiency in leadership and organizational development for Whitsons School Nutrition division for several school districts. Laura received her bachelor's degree in Hospitality Administration and Management from the New York Institute of Technology in Westbury, NY and has most recently served as the Food Service Director for Lindenhurst School District. Prior to Whitsons, Laura was employed by the New York City Office of School Food and Nutrition Services as a Food Service Manager.

Laura has proven to be an invaluable asset to Whitsons' success in the Lindenhurst school district. She has continuously brought fresh ideas to the table daily, from overseeing the day-to-day operations of each school within her district, to the supervision and training of staff in safety, sanitation, customer service, and food preparation. Laura has been instrumental in ensuring Whitsons' mission of "Enhancing Life One Meal at a Time" for every student on a continued basis. "I feel incredibly honored to be promoted to District Manager for Whitsons Culinary Group," said Laura. "It has been a pleasure working for Whitsons for so many years and seeing how supportive Whitsons is of its' female employees. Since the company is 79% female strong, I have seen many opportunities for women over the years, which is wonderful and refreshing".

As a District Manager, Laura will be overseeing all operations for multiple school districts within New York State. Laura was selected for a senior role after receiving much praise from her colleagues and management. "We had some excellent applicants, and this was an incredibly hard decision to make. I am always in awe of the amazing talent within our company and look forward to growing so we can continue to provide new and exciting opportunities for all of our team," said Kelly Ann Friend, COO, Contract Management for Whitsons Culinary Group.

About Whitsons Culinary Group

Founded in 1979 Whitsons Culinary Group® provides dining services to consumers and public and private organizations throughout the United States. Our services include school nutrition, residential and healthcare dining, prepared meals, corporate dining, and emergency dining. Whitsons is currently the 19th largest dining service provider in the U.S. (Food Management, March 2016) and leads the industry with its customized services, innovative programs, focus on nutrition and commitment to quality, local sourcing and community support. For more information, please contact Jessica Z. Diaz, Public Relations and Marketing Manager diazj@whitsons.com, tel: 631-750-1428, or visit the company's website at www.whitsons.com.