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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MIKE STRADER TO CONTINUE AS PEACE MEAL DIRECTOR

CHARLESTON, IL--An administrative evaluation of Eastern Illinois University Peace Meal Director Mike Strader has been completed.

According to Eastern President Stan Rives, "Problems were identified in the investigations of the Peace Meal program and those problems have been effectively handled by the Peace Meal staff and its director. The program is stronger as a result."

As a result, a decision has been made to remove Strader from probationary status and restore him to regular status as director of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program.

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The decision to place Strader on three months probation and to conduct an administrative evaluation was made in March after an investigation by the University's internal auditor and human resources office and the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging into problems with the administration of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program.

The administrative evaluation was conducted by Barbara Hill, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Charles Colbert, vice president for business affairs; Joyce Crouse, assistant dean/chair of the School of Home Economics; and Larry Helsel, acting dean of the College of Applied Sciences.

Hill said, "After independent evaluation and review of findings, the Administrative Evaluation Committee has determined that all recommendations from separate investigations have been addressed and are met or in progress." Strader will continue to monitor closely those items still in progress.

Eastern's School of Home Economics sponsors the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program which provides a vital public service by providing meals, nutrition education, transportation and outreach to senior citizens (60 and older) at 55 sites in 14 counties in Illinois.