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## TWO GREAT LONG ISLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES HAVE ANNOUNCED A MERGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

John King, Chief Customer Officer and CEO of J. Kings Food Service Professionals, Inc. in business since 1974, announced today the merger with Cookies and More, a 55 year old company specializing in New York and New Jersey school business and summer camps in the tri-state area.

“I couldn’t be happier,” said Mark Abruscato, CEO of Cookies and more. “It was a natural fit as the industry consolidates, we wanted to align ourselves with a company as dedicated to service and value as we are.”

“All of our customers are pressured to do more with less, so consolidated distribution means savings for all,” said Mark Abruscato, “In addition to snack & beverages, our customers will now have access to over 9,000 items including local produce, beverages, groceries and dairy items all on the same truck.”

“We have driven past the K-12 schools in our neighborhood and Metro NY for the past 45 years and look forward to Mark and his team’s leadership in growing this segment for us and providing great value and healthy local foods to the schools,” said John King.

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### **About J. Kings Food Service Professionals**

*J. Kings Food Service Professionals is a broad line food service distributor headquartered in Holtsville, Long Island. For 44 years, J. Kings has provided the full spectrum of food and business supplies to the restaurant industry in the New York metropolitan area through their state-of-the-art facility on Long Island. The company has been named one of the top 50 independently owned distributors in the country by ID Magazine, and is known for its commitment to the highest quality food products, food safety and customer service.*

### **About Cookies and More**

*Since 1963, Cookies & More, Inc. has been providing incomparable service to the institutional and private sectors. Our customers include schools and day care centers, college, summer camps, government agencies & facilities, commercial facilities, delis & restaurants and more. With thousands of items to offer our customers, we are confident that we can meet all of your specialty snack and beverage needs.*

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