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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 10, 2018**

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**DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-35258**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-4145825**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**130 Royall Street**  
**Canton, Massachusetts 02021**  
(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

**(781) 737-3000**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Selection 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers and Other Events.**

Effective as of March 16, 2019 (the “Transition Date”), Richard Emmett will resign as Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) pursuant to a separation agreement dated October 10, 2018. Under that agreement, Mr. Emmett will continue to receive his base salary and benefits through the Transition Date. The Company will pay Mr. Emmett, as severance, his current base salary for a period of up to twelve (12) months following the Transition Date, in accordance with the offer letter between Mr. Emmett and the Company dated November 23, 2009, as amended. Pursuant to the separation agreement, Mr. Emmett and the Company agreed to additional covenants and releases.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**DUNKIN' BRANDS  
GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ David Hoffmann  
David Hoffmann  
Chief Executive  
Officer

Date: October 10, 2018