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Rick Sherman, Director of Nutrition Services  
Eugene School District  
200 North Monroe  
Eugene, OR 97402

Dear Mr. Sherman:

**Re: National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Agreement No. 20 05005  
School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children on-site evaluation and menu analysis**

The School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children (SMI) requires that school meals served in the National School Lunch Program meet specific standards for key nutrients and calories, and that meals are consistent with the goals of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. On December 7–8, 2010, an on-site evaluation of the Roosevelt Middle School's Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Option menu was conducted. A review of December 6–10, 2010, one week's lunch menus was completed to assess compliance with the SMI requirements.

**Congratulations!** Your Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Option menu met all eight Nutrient Standards set by USDA, which include calories, total fat, saturated fat, protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin C, and Vitamin A.

In addition, your menus met two of the three nutrient recommendations set by the state of Oregon. Sodium was above the 1200 mg recommendation at 1976 mg (165%).

The reviewer, Jennifer Parenteau, visited the production kitchen at Churchill High School to observe meal preparation. The spaghetti sauce recipe was being followed exactly by using fresh ingredients and spices. This enhances food quality. Eugene School District is to be commended on the high food quality provided to students and staff.

Eugene School District Menu Planner is to be commended on twice a year adjusting menus to reflect actual student participation. At Roosevelt Middle School student participation has declined in spite of the good food quality and a downward adjustment will be made by the menu planner in January.

We appreciate your partnership in assuring all Oregon children are well nourished, ready to learn and able to make life-long healthy food choices.

If you have questions about the SMI evaluation findings, please contact Jennifer Parenteau, Child Nutrition Specialist, at (503) 947- 5890.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Superintendent

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cc: George Russell, Superintendent  
Susan Fahey, Director of Financial & Support Services  
Nicole Zammit, RD, Nutrition Services Manager

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