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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of Opa! as our Food Service provider. Prior to being Superintendent in Hermann, I was in a district that had its own food service program. The contrast between these situations is very strong for me. Two areas stand out as very different.

I find that the quality of meals is excellent with Opa! Every school receives commodities for this program. The thing that separates the good from the great is what is done with the food. I find the Opa! menu creative, attractive, and nutritious. Those are my opinions but not only mine. I eat in each building every week. When I do I always ask students and staff how the food is. The answers are consistently positive. As I said earlier, this is a strong area of contrast for me.

The second area is service. You can tell a great deal about an organization by its sense of service. Opa! is clearly focused on excellence in customer service and responsiveness. I believe that Opa! understands that any organization is only as good as its people and has taken the approach of hiring quality. Whether our local staff or director or someone from the home office, I find them always interested in meeting our needs and doing so with a smile. I find that Opa! consistently lives up to its motto "*Make their day!*"

I look forward to our continued working relationship. I have found it to be financially, administratively, and nutritionally advantageous to our students and district.

Sincerely,

Chris Neale