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Mr. Stephan Vigliotti
Superintendent
North Rose-Wolcott Central Schools
11631 Slater-Colvin Road
Wolcott, NY 14590

Dear Superintendent Vigliotti:

We are pleased to let you know that an individual in your school district is being recognized as a School Nutrition Hero on Monday, March 2, 2015 in Washington, DC. Nancy Younglove, Food Service Director for North Rose – Wolcott Central Schools, is one of the five School Nutrition Heroes selected for this honor in 2015.

The Celebration of School Nutrition Heroes was first held in 2014 as part of the 50th Anniversary of the School Nutrition Foundation. The Foundation, which is the sister philanthropic organization to the School Nutrition Association, provides funding for education, research and scholarships for Association members. The event in 2014 was so successful and received such wonderful accolades that the Foundation decided to conduct the event in 2015 to once again honor School Nutrition Heroes and to secure funding for the Foundation. The event will be held on March 2, 2015, during the Association's Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington, D.C.

As the heroes in 2015 are only the second group of five selected, Nancy and the others chosen represent outstanding dedication to school nutrition, to their schools and their communities. We received 27 nominations this year and selecting just five was not an easy task. However, without a doubt, Nancy's accomplishments were more outstanding than those of the other nominees.

Following is the brief summary that has been written about Nancy:

- Nancy is the Founder and Executive Director of the Cougar Cupboard Inc., an emergency food pantry located on the school campus. The program, which began in September 2012, was created when Nancy noticed a steady increase of students qualifying for free and reduced-price meals. The number of applications went from about three a month to two, three or four daily. The district where Nancy works serves a low-income, rural, and often migrant population. While the district offered national breakfast and lunch programs, along with an afterschool supper program, a large summer meals program and weekend "backpack" meal program, Nancy observed that children – especially at the high school – still were hungry. Nancy started Cougar Cupboard as a student activity club where students could volunteer. Cougar Cupboard Inc. became a not-for-profit organization so that tax-deductible donations could be accepted in support of the food pantry. Cougar Cupboard Inc. is a partner with Foodlink of Rochester and the Food Bank of Southern Tier, both agencies of Feeding America, which is using Cougar Cupboard Inc. as a model for in-school pantry programs across New York State. Cougar

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Cupboard Inc. has expanded its services by sponsoring Mobile Food Pantries for Foodlink of Rochester. These community food distributions provide over 4,000 pounds of food each month to feed over 500 people. In addition to operating the pantry, Nancy also advocates at local, state and federal levels on the elimination of childhood hunger using Cougar Cupboard Inc.'s mission "To eliminate childhood hunger one child at a time by providing food for the body and mind with dignity and respect."

We know you will want to congratulate Nancy for her recognition. She represents North Rose – Wolcott Central Schools with distinction.

Sincerely,

Pat Montague

Patricia A. Montague, CAE
Executive Director

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