## School Nutrition Program: Milk Competitive Bids

## **Background:**

Bids for milk for our school nutrition program were requested from the vendors listed below:

- Milk and Dairy Products
  - Anderson-Erickson Dairy Co., Des Moines, Iowa
  - Dean Food, Le Mars, Iowa (bidding Blue Bunny)
  - Hiland Dairy, Johnston, Iowa

The milk bids were as follows:

|               | Anderson- | Dean      | Hiland    |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|               | Erickson  | Food      | Dairy     |
|               | Escalator | Escalator | Escalator |
| • 1% White    |           |           |           |
| Milk          | \$0.2210  | \$0.2025  | \$0.2520  |
| • Skim White  |           |           |           |
| Milk          | \$0.2160  | \$0.2022  | \$0.2450  |
| Skim Choc     |           |           |           |
| Milk          | \$0.2330  | \$0.2274  | \$0.2570  |
| • 100% Orange |           |           |           |
| Juice         | \$0.3500  | \$0.3067  | \$0.3500  |

## **Recommended Action:**

Dean Food is our provider this year, and they have performed well. They have also offered us the lowest bids by far for next year.

I recommend accepting the bid from Dean Food at their quoted escalator prices.