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March 16, 2021

Galion City Schools
Ms. Jennifer Allarding
Superintendent
470 Portland Avenue
Galion, Ohio 44833

Dear Ms. Allarding:

I am writing today to commend the work of Galion City Schools Food and Nutrition staff, under the direction of Lorie Pennington. School nutrition professionals work every day to make a difference in the lives of every child. They plan menus and prepare healthy meals for students, adhere to strict nutrition standards, and this past year have accomplished this in addition to planning around USDA waivers amidst a national pandemic.

The Food and Nutrition team has been inspiring through these challenging times which contained much uncertainty. School nutrition professionals are true heroes. Through our work to increase student's access to healthy school meals throughout Ohio, Children's Hunger Alliance has had the privilege of witnessing this heroic work. I truly appreciate school nutrition staff, and I know how critical school meal programs are to the health of all students. Thank you for your support of these efforts.

We truly appreciate the work of Galion City Schools and the Food and Nutrition staff, as they are vital to the functioning and spearheading of meal programs that feed children so many meals during the hungriest times of the year, including unprecedented ones like COVID-19. We look forward to working with you in the coming year to make sure our youth are getting the meals they need to lead productive and happy lives! Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Respectfully,

Rick Oxley
Manager, School and Summer Nutrition