

LETTERS

ALLENDALE

Superintendent praises school food service

DEAR EDITOR,

It is with great pride that the Allendale Public School District announces that their food service company, Pomptonian Inc., was nominated for, and subsequently received, the Gold Award from the Bergen County Department of Health Services for its service at Brookside School. The borough health inspector also cited Pomptonian as a model to be emulated by other districts.

The school district has outsourced their food service operation to Pomptonian since 1991.

When the state announced that compliance with the new federal nutritional regulations would be mandated by September 2007, Pomptonian worked cooperatively with the school district to redesign their menus with all healthy choices and no junk food.

It was not surprising that the visiting health official found Pomptonian to be highly organized and proactively using the best health practices when handling and cooking food.

Pomptonian representatives were present at the Bergen County recognition ceremony, and found that out of 33 awards in the county, only three went to school food services.

Thank you to Jayne Lovaglio and Maria Gamen and the wonderful Pomptonian staff who service our two schools. Their cooperative spirit and "can do" attitude has made our working relationship most pleasurable.

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Allendale K-8 Superintendent