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From: Mary Ann McCann [maryann@taoschools.org]
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Subject: Re: A question has been raised

Our program does a limited amount of catering usually confined to school board meetings, parent-teacher activities, teacher meetings and in services. Catering for school functions not only provides this program with additional revenue, but it allow schools and programs to have food provided at a cost lower than the local catering businesses, restaurants or grocery stores. Periodically a community member will ask us to cater an event, but that is rare. There are no plans to expand outside the school day, because we will not make any money on what we do. Most of the foods prepared for catering is prepared during the regular work day the labor cost is not affected. If staff are involved in catering of a large nature where they will have to work past the duty day means time and half wages, plus benefits and the cost per hour can rise to \$18.00 and up per hour depending on the employee.

We also provide cooked products such as chili, to schools when they have on-site fund-raises like elementary basketball tournaments. The NM State Environmental Code requires all foods sold to the public to be cooked in a licensed kitchen. Any program can purchase food from us many times at cost, which saves their programs money, but also provides a safe food for fund raisers.

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>>> "Lilli Segre" <lilli@ideapete.com> 8/20/2009 1:27 PM >>>

Maryann,

I know when we met you talked about catering for school functions. I didn't include it in the report because I had the impression that it was not at that time a highly utilized service. One of the board members asked me why that's not referenced in the report. Could you tell me a little bit about how much catering you are doing now, what the restrictions are and if you have plans to expand the catering functions to generate more revenue?

Thanks.

Lilli

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