Mrs. Bergman and Members of the Board,

Your approval is requested for renewal of the purchasing contract with AEA purchasing. Our participation in the AEA Cooperative has been outstanding, with excellent pricing and product availability.

As a requirement of the procurement regulations, AEA purchasing must rebid its Market Basket. At this time, bidding is being done and we will receive information on the winning bidder when determined. Therefore, we do not have the company information at this time, but know that all the necessary due diligence is being done on our behalf.

Because of the size and scope of this bid, it is nearly impossible for smaller schools to meet the bid criteria that is required, so we depend on the AEA Coop to meet those needs for us. In addition, we receive a substantial rebate in December that reflects any unused coop fees.

Your approval to renew this bid is requested.

Thank you for your consideration

Joyce Johansen and Traci DeBolt, Food Service Co-Directors