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Dear Hiring Manager;

I worked with Ms. Carole Farina when she worked as the State Nutritionist for the New Mexico Department of Education Student Nutrition Program. During my tenure as Line Manager, I worked with Ms. Farina in the office setting and at local school districts. Ms. Farina was always professional with colleagues and school district personnel; provided nutrition leadership to school staff in developing school nutrition policies to improve the health and well-being of students.

She collaborated with a nutrition contractor and other community partners to develop an online 2010 Dietary Guidelines Education Module for all school districts to access online which saved a lot of resources for school districts, in addition she developed PSA (Public Service Announcement script and filming) and Elementary school posters that translated the Dietary Guidelines into child friendly images.

Ms. Farina is truly concerned about improving the health and well-being of all students and always encouraged schools to consider offering a simple salad bar, and utilize the Department of Defense Fruit and Vegetable Program for additional fresh produce.

Ms. Farina's creativity was an asset to our team, bringing fresh ideas to streamline the documentation process for food service personnel in the schools, offering clear examples of the mathematical calculations required along with sample menus. Her graphic skills were a bonus to update our posters and other educational materials that were more than 20 years old. She helped all of us create our presentations interactive. Carole provided technical assistance to staff completing school district school meals initiative reviews, including working with Nutri-kids software to analyze the menus.

I can highly recommend Ms. Farina's skills in nutritional analysis, nutrition education, public speaking, collaborating with colleagues, community partners, and her strong desire to improve the nutrition and health of all communities.

Sincerely,

Leonard Mirabal, Director