



# Trinity-Pawling

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Dear Will-

Thursday November 17, 2011

My name is Maria Reade, and I am the Dean of Faculty at Trinity-Pawling School and have taught English here for the past 26 years. In addition to these roles, I also developed our School's gardens which lie adjacent to Scully Hall, our dining facility. I am deeply committed to sustainability and buying local, and I have worked closely with Mark Barone and Culinart to incorporate as many products as we can from local farms. Suffice it to say that I was absolutely thrilled when he and our Business Manager, Glenn Carey, informed me earlier this fall that Trinity-Pawling would be sourcing our dairy from Hudson Valley Fresh. They both said, "Well, it just seemed to fit in with all the steps you are taking with the gardens and teaching our boys about growing and preparing healthy food."

Will, our entire community just finished the traditional Thanksgiving feast which Mark and his team serve the School on the night before they all depart for break. On each table was a brimming pitcher of your eggnog. I stopped drinking eggnog years ago because it was simply chemical glop. When I saw the beverage came from your company, I poured a glass and savored it through the meal like a vintage wine! I told the boys at table that this was fresh eggnog from Hudson Valley cows, and each boy eagerly proffered his glass for a taste. You would have loved to witness their amazed expressions. A hit!

All fall, I have received unsolicited comments and compliments about the milk and half and half your company provides for our community of 300 boys and another 100 faculty and staff. "This is the best milk I've ever had." "It tastes clean, healthy." "I never used to drink milk but now I drink at least two glasses every day." "The chocolate milk is the best. Not overly sweet or fake-sugary like Nesquik." The positive feedback goes on and on.

On behalf of all of us at Trinity-Pawling, I thank you sincerely for developing Hudson Valley Fresh and bringing products onto our tables at School. When I am not working at T-P, my husband and I have a home in southern Vermont where our lives revolve around farms and food. I spend any free time I have volunteering on an organic farm here in Patterson and a few others in Vermont. When I "grow up," I will probably attach myself to a farm full time. Thanks for bringing all the goodness of "buy local" movement to the Hudson Valley and supporting our area dairy farmers.

With deep respect and wishes for a peaceful holiday season.

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