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**Clinton County Health Department
Press Release
School Food is Good News Food Fair
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The “*School Food is Good News*” Food Fair will be hosted this year at Peru Central School on Thursday, November 2, 2006, from 4-6 p.m. Sponsored by the Clinton County Health Department and the School TABLE (Team Adirondack Breakfast and Lunch Educators), the fair will bring together local school nutrition managers, students and vendors in an effort to highlight food choices available through area schools.

Most area school districts this year have initiated wellness policies to comply with new federal regulations that require schools to address the issue of healthier food options and physical activity opportunities in the school environment. The food fair is an opportunity for vendors to display healthier food choices and to determine which of these are preferred by the student consumers.

Students will be provided with a rating sheet to record their opinions about these food choices as they sample foods provided by vendors. The information gathered will help school nutrition managers determine which foods should be made available for sale in their districts.

The School TABLE is a collaborative effort between area schools and the Clinton County Health Department. The group has been instrumental in initiating nutrition initiatives in the schools for the past 7 years. For more information about the school TABLE, call the Health Department at 565-4840, or visit the website at www.clintonhealth.org.

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