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Dear Ms. Agenbroad,

Thank you for your request for information regarding the use of produce grown in school gardens. This letter is to advise you that the practice of using produce grown in and harvested from a school garden is acceptable for use in school kitchens and classrooms.

Along with all other good food safety practices, the growing, harvesting, handling and storage of produce should be monitored to protect against any possible biological or chemical contamination. Once harvested, the produce should be carefully washed with clear water prior to service. It is recommended that the temperature of the wash water be similar to the temperature of the produce.

Thank you for your efforts in providing safe food.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Guzzle