

MAY 2017 - MAY 2018

NORTHEAST FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE

FARM TO SCHOOL TWELVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR



BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

FTS Program Development

During the Summer Retreat, participants will develop a comprehensive school-wide Farm to School Action Plan that includes curriculum, local procurement, utilizing outdoor learning spaces, and cultivating family and community connections.

School-Year Coaching

School teams will be paired with an experienced coach from their state's FTS Network. You'll have communication and meetings with this coach throughout the school year to assist you in implementing and adapting your action plan to meet the changing needs of the school.

Networking

Individuals and teams will have time to share innovations, join in dialogue, and share food and fun with other FTS practitioners.

Teacher & Nutrition Staff Professional Development

All team members receive certification of participation for the Summer Retreat. School nutrition staff receive continuing education/training hours for their time. Teachers may opt to receive graduate continuing education credits through Castleton University by participating in a fall curriculum retreat.



COMMITMENT

- **Attend the 3-day residential Summer Retreat** at Shelburne Farms for team planning time and connecting with FTS peers and experts from June 27-29, 2017
- **Participation in planning meetings with your coach for the full school year.**
- **Modest program fee of \$600 per accepted team** is due by April 3rd to secure the team's spot. Program fee includes the cost of room and meals at the Summer Retreat. Limited scholarships are available.
- **Visit www.vtfeed.org/farm-school-institute for more information.**

APPLY ONLINE at <http://bit.ly/NEFTSlapp>

Apply by Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Please direct questions to Program Associate Amy Rougier at arougier@shelburnefarms.org.

To apply, identify a team (4-6 members) comprised of:

- School nutrition directors or managers
- Classroom teachers
- School administrators or curriculum coordinators
- School nurses
- Parents, school board, or community members

You'll be notified of acceptance by the end of March.

Priority may be given to schools interested in or currently providing a summer meals program.

