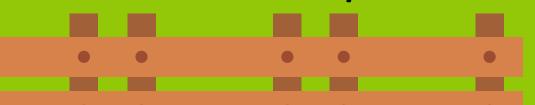


# Fun Ways to Integrate Local Foods

- Harvest of the Month
- New Recipes
- Salad/Veggie Bar



#### Salad bar at Schuylerville CSD



- Seasonal Cycle Menu
- Taste Tests
- NY Thursdays



The Rhubarb being served oday was all sourced fron ich collects rhubarb ste from home growers and armers in the Tri-Lakes and hamplain Valley to sell at local markets!

est is Rhubar

Did vou know? Rhubarb is sometimes called the "lemon of the North Country," can you guess why?

- Rhubarb grows especially vell in cooler climates.
- The stems are harvested for eating, but the leaves are not edible!

Even though we eat rhubart in pies, cakes, and other desserts, technically it is a vegetable and not a fruit.

**Northern NY Harvest of the Month** incorporating Agriculture Education





#### Taste Test at **Chenango Valley CSD**



# Local Foods for Schools (LFS)

**\$11.86** Million LFS funds awarded to **159** SFAs for the purchase of local unprocessed food for use in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program!

### **Purchased Using LFS Funds:**

- Apples
- Cauliflower
- Peas
- Spinach
- Eggs
- Kohlrabi
- Asian Pears
- Cucumbers

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Ground Beef
- **Beef Tenderloin**
- Chicken
- Butternut Squash
- Lettuce
- Onions

- Berries
- Maple Syrup
- Yogurt
- Potatoes
- Beets
- Cheese
- Watermelon
- Milk

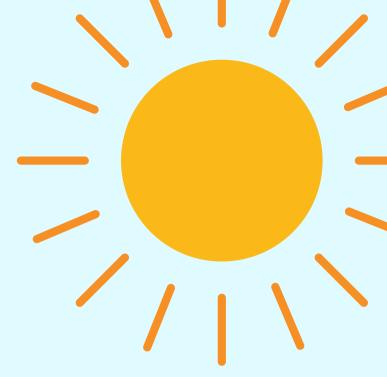




Farm fresh salad bar! **Mechanicville City SD** 

**Incorporate fresh** ingredients into school meals!





• Green Beans • Honey • Kale • Carrots • Broccoli • Cabbage • Squash • Corn on the cob

**Mechanicville City SD** 

LFS purchases target socially disadvantaged and small business local food producers/vendors.





# East Rochester UFSD

Food Service Director, Matt Cusimano, taught his staff how to "break down" the whole chicken.

Now, they have enough local chicken for several meals!

Oven roasted chicken breasts topped with lettuce, NYS **apples**, local **cheddar cheese**, bacon and a house made raspberry Maple Mayo.

#### "East Rochester Meat Fabrication Lab"







purchased **local** whole chickens from **Fisher Hill Farms,** in Canandaigua, NY!

NY Maple Chicken Sandwiches-

### Greater Southern Tier (GST) BOCES





### Joe Kilmer, Regional Food Service Director





GST BOCES uses their website & signage to promote CN Programs!







GST BOCES created a framework that allows each school district freedom and flexibility to serve NY foods on days that work best at each school!

Schools achieve access to NY foods in a meaningful way & <u>avoid</u> issues with delivery, freshness, and labor.

GST BOCES spends more than **\$1.7 million dollars** on NYS Foods each year! That's **more** than 30% of their lunch food costs!

### Hermon Dekalb CSD



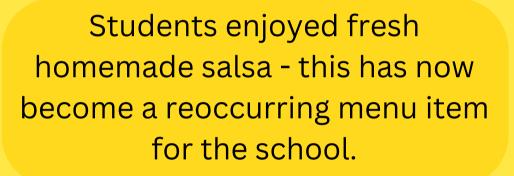
The sixth grade class went on a field trip to Applewood Orchard. The apples were then processed in the kitchen. Students were served the apples the next day! Hermon Dekalb CSD used LFS funds to purchase fresh local produce to serve to students. Purchased items included onions, peppers, tomatoes, and more! The school had fresh apple slices almost every week, these were a hit with the kids!







Voting station using cherry tomatos!







Using Local Food for Schools funds, Mechanicville purchased local ground beef from Kilcoyne Farms in Hudson Falls!









The fresh ground beef was used to make a delicious meatloaf lunch from scratch.



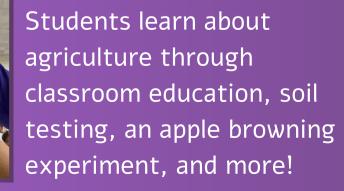
Students and staff loved the lunch, and were still talking about it the next day!

### Mechanicville City SD Local Fresh Meatloaf Well



# **Royalton-Hartland CSD**

Administrative support! Food Service Director and Superintendent of the school participate in this educational day.





Royalton-Hartland CSD held an agriculture day, providing opportunity for students to participate and learn.

Check it out!

compo:

Hydroponic set up and plant growth in the classroom



Outdoor garden space and composter!



### **Broome-Tioga BOCES**





Annie Hudock, Senior Food Service Director

Julie Raway, **Registered Dietitian** 

Oversees 15 Districts!





**Best Practice:** Geographic Preference Bids

#### Salads! YUM!



Ways to promote local foods:

- Farm to School monthly newsletter
- NY Thursdays
- Harvest of the Month

Nacho Tray!

Broome-Tioga BOCES does an incredible job incorporating local and farm fresh foods into school meals at their many school locations.



Utilizing nearly \$300,000 in LFS funding!

They engage their students through taste testing, and constantly working to develop more farm to school recipes.

> Fill up on roasted brussels sprouts and carrots with fruit, and whole wheat bread!

Variety of fruits and veggies!



# Massena **CSD**

Kristin designed a logo displayed on the serving line on days local foods are served. The logo was added to the menu to show which meals feature local items, and the logo is on staff name tags so students and teachers know food service employees names!

**Food Service Director Kristin Colarusso-Martin loves farm to** school, supporting local farmers, and feeding kids good food.

Homemade Logo! FARM TO SCHOOL FARM

SCHOOL

**Best Practice:** Kristin created a sub committee of the Local Wellness **Committee to help** with Farm 2 School initiatives!



Flyer used to notify staff and families about local foods and when to expect them!







**Some elementary** teachers use farm to school as a learning opportunity to teach kids about local foods.



# SED's Big Apple Crunch

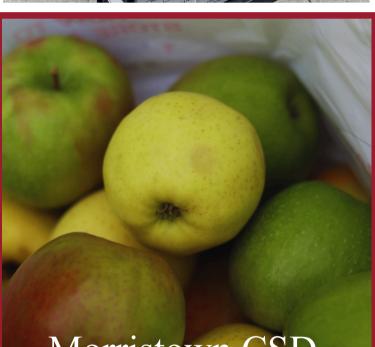
# Big Apple Crunch Celebrations Throughout NY State!

East Greenbush CSD used local Windy Hill Orchard apples!











Schenectady City SD and Niskayuna CSD celebrate Big Apple Crunch!









#### Saratoga CSD



Gloversville CSD Schoharie CSD and Hartford CSD celebrate Big Apple Crunch!



#### Morrisville-Eaton CSD















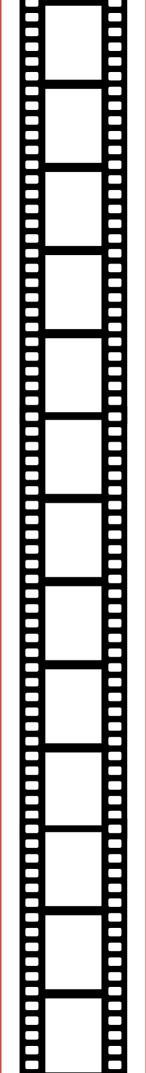






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CSD

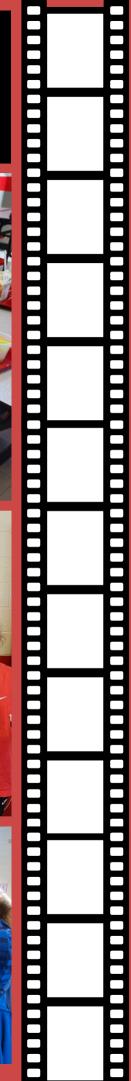


#### Waterford-Halfmoon CSD

















Hudson CSD

#### **Buffalo City SD**

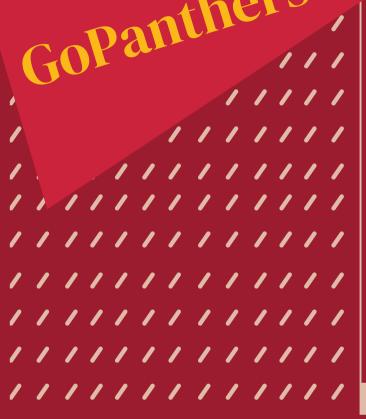








### BRUSHTON-MOIRA CSD **BIG APPLE CRUNCH**



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The school mascot greeted the students during the **Big Apple Crunch Celebration.** 



Students and staff worked together to make the day extra special by creating a giant apple!







Winchester Potters School Community participated in the big apple crunch challenge at the Freaky Friday Fall Festival!

### Students and their families enjoyed locally farmed

## Johnstown City SD

High school students enjoyed showing off thier red and green outfits and playing games like "apple snap", a fun alternative to bobbing for apples.



# Berne-Knox-Westerlo CSD

Apples and Cider!

# **Big Apple Crunch!**



Cafeteria Crunch!













# Farm to School Resources

#### USPA guidance

Visit the USDA Farm to School Website:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/farm-to-school

**USDA Local Procurement Guidance:** 

https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/procuring-local-foods

### NYS Formal Bidding Exemption Toolkit

NYS Formal Bidding

Exemptions

Toolkit

The toolkit was created to assist SFAs in properly utilizing the formal bidding exemptions available when procuring NYS foods and milk.

#### **Toolkit includes:**

- checklists
- FAQs

Utilize resources to continue growing your program!

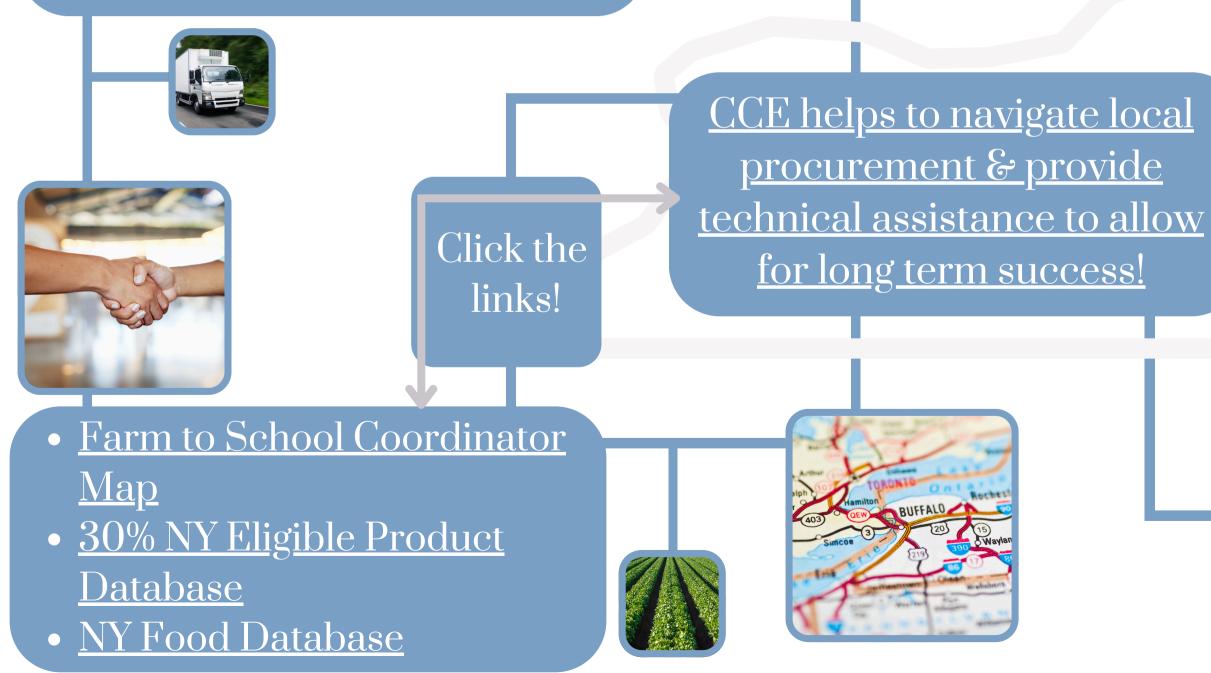


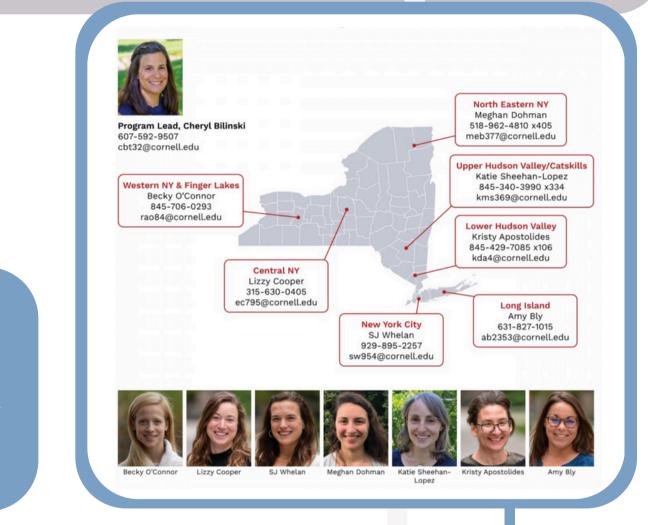
• step-by-step instructions resource links and



## Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), Harvest NY Farm to School Coordinators

F2S Coordinators are available to help SFAs connect to local farms and producers.





#### Visit CCE Harvest NY website:

https://cals.cornell.edu/cornellcooperative-extension/work-teams/newyork-state-farm-school

# NYSED awarded \$2.1M in Farm to School Federal Formula Grant Funding!

#### **Funding Objectives**

- Build & increase capacity of participating schools to procure and use local food in program meals
- Provide agricultural and culinary education



### NYSED partnering with CCE, Harvest NY to host:

- (lick here register!
  - to -> 1. NY Farm to School Summit It Takes a Village Save the date: November 21-22, 2024
    - 2. Regional Farm to School Conferences
    - 3. Culinary Training
    - 4. Agriculture Education through CCE
    - 5. F2S Resources: Taste test kits, posters, garden kits



### Additional Details coming Soon!!



### To all the schools who support local farms and provide students with local healthy school meals.

We want to highlight your school next!

Email: cnspotlight@nysed.gov to be included in a future spotlight.

