



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

National Farm to School Month

WHEREAS: The National Farm to School Network has designated the month of October 2024, as National Farm to School month; and

WHEREAS: In 2004, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act established a federal Farm to School program with the goal of providing healthy and nutritious food to children; and

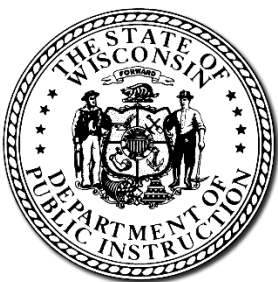
WHEREAS: Over 70 percent of School Food Authorities participate in Farm to School by procuring local and regional foods, providing nutrition and agricultural education, and/or growing a school garden. Farm to school provides students with fresh, nutritious, and appealing foods, while teaching students where their food comes from; and

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Local Food for Schools Program (WI LFS), funded by the USDA, provided \$3,447,772 to schools and local farmers to supply local, unprocessed and minimally processed food to children in the USDA National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Money spent on local foods for the school meal programs supports the community, growth of local supply chains, and strengthens the local economy; and

WHEREAS: During the month of October, schools celebrate with events such as the Great Apple Crunch, collectively crunching into local apples, involving students in school garden activities, and/or providing nutrition and agricultural education opportunities.

THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare the month of October 2024 as National Farm to School Month.

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

