



# Farm to Fork

Following a strong year focused on building sustainability into existing Farm to School programs, our goal for the 2017-18 school year is to broaden the base of support for Farm to School in each of our partner districts. Active outreach to school boards, district administration and secondary school staff started this past summer and will continue to grow!

## Local Food Procurement

In August, Live54218 was asked to take part in a panel discussion on local purchasing at an all day workshop entitled “Know Your Buyer, Know Your Producer” hosted by the Wisconsin Farm to School Steering Committee and The Farmory. This was one of five events across the state of Wisconsin and funding for the event was provided by a grant from the USDA Farm to School Program. Both local producers and institutional buyers (schools, hospitals, and corporations) were in attendance.

Two of our districts added summer feeding programs this year, and each purchased local produce as part of their program. Unified School District of De Pere purchased over \$1200 in produce from Ledgeview Gardens and Pulaski School District purchased romaine lettuce that was grown at Ashwaubenon High School!

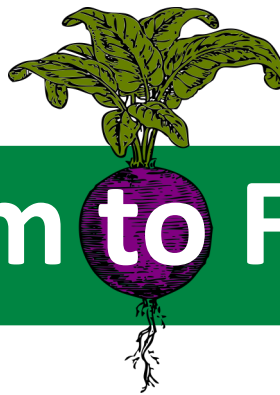
In July [we featured local farmer Brian Gronski and Groche Farms](#) in a farm to school video that was shared organically 27 times on Facebook! In addition, the internet exploded when [we shared this video diary of Ashwaubenon High School teacher Dan Albrent’s work in sustainable farming](#). This video was viewed more than 4700 times and was shared 55 times! It even caught the attention of a local TV station, Fox11 News, for its own Sunday night feature.

## Timeline for Growing the Base of Support for Farm to School Efforts

June 2017	Farm to School Report Shared with Pulaski School Board
August 2017	Farm to School Orientation at GRACE Teacher/Admin In-Service
September 2017	Presentation of Farm to School Summary Report to PTO groups at Dickinson, Altmayer, Foxview and Heritage schools in the Unified District of De Pere
October 2017	Adding Farm to School lessons at Notre Dame of De Pere School
January 2017	Live54218 invited to present Farm to Curriculum to West De Pere teachers and Curriculum Director

## Quarter Four: By The Numbers





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## Into the Classroom: Farm to Fork Education

Classroom lessons for K-5 students will continue in four districts (Ashwaubenon, Unified School District of De Pere, Pulaski and Wrightstown) in 2017-18 and will debut in GRACE School District, with parent volunteers at Notre Dame of De Pere teaching Farm to School lessons.

In a continued effort to create sustainability, this coming school year, Live54218 is moving to a matching model for funding Farm to School lessons, asking all districts who receive funding for teacher stipends to match those contributions from their own budget. So far, three districts have committed matching dollars, and others have chosen to introduce Farm to School lessons to their curriculum teams. The Curriculum Director of the School District of West De Pere has invited Live54218 to speak to teachers about our turn-key Farm to School curriculum. This is the kind of system level change that signifies real change!

## Middle and High School Outreach

This summer, as part of our goal to broaden the base of support for Farm to School, Live reached out beyond the food service and elementary schools to explore other Farm to School work within our districts.

We've invited middle and high school FACE classes to join in the Farm to School movement with a Recipe Challenge. Using one of the Farm to School recipe cards as a guide, students can source and prepare a dish made with seasonal, local produce. Live54218 will create a video featuring the most successful efforts!

Based on requests from participating districts, we've begun to explore ways to tie the elementary school Farm to School efforts into a Farm to School course of study that extends through High School and pulls in local farming clubs like 4H and FFA.

## Hot Off the Press: First Ever Farm to School Calendar



Our 2017-18 Farm to School Calendar is a huge success, with districts requesting additional inventory. The calendar utilizes photos pulled from the Farm to School kick-off video and each month features a recipe based on a seasonal vegetable. We also created matching recipe cards for distribution at taste-tests and other school and community events.

So far **500** of the calendars have been distributed, with an additional **1500** on backorder for our districts. Districts plan to distribute to the teachers who hosted classroom lessons, to school administration and even mailed home to parents!

## Looking Ahead

Fall is in the air and along with it, a new school year! Live54218 is excited to continue partnering with local districts to expand and sustain Farm to School efforts for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. We will be providing brief Farm to School overviews in the Unified School District of De Pere Fall 2017 PTO meetings and are currently putting the finishing touches on "Year End Report Cards" for all our districts. The materials will highlight districts local purchasing, classroom lesson and garden efforts in a comprehensive package that can be sent to school boards, administration, PTOs and families!