



Farm to School Initiative

Spring 2010

Goals of the partnership:

- Incorporate more local produce into the school lunch program
- Educate the students on the origin of food with the help of local farmers

Accomplishments:

- Steady increase in the number of days fresh and local produce is offered to the students at ALL Ann Arbor schools during the fall and spring growing season.
 - First year = Once per month,
 - Second year = Once per week,
 - Third year = Twice per week
 - Fourth year = Three times per week
- Purchased fresh produce vending carts for all elementary schools. All students, regardless if they purchase or pack their lunch, have access to the daily produce
- Developed and implemented an educational program in the elementary schools taught by local farmers, educating students in over 60 classrooms
- Purchased marketing posters and point of service fliers to educate students about the program and the economic and health benefits of local produce
- Initiated a Wellness Champion program at each school to provide parent volunteers to encourage and distribute the produce samples

PHS is one of the partners in a Farm to School collaboration that includes:

- Ann Arbor Public Schools



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- The Agrarian Adventure (a middle school garden, hoop house and educational program)
- Chartwells, Ann Arbor Public School's food service company
- Food Systems Economic Partnership
- The Ann Arbor Farmers Market