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Farm to School Commitment 2019-2020

The Farm to School Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County will provide guidance and support to schools in the following ways:

- Build and implement a regional Farm to School Program that can support a growing number of schools through integration of the classroom, cafeteria, and community.
- Create and facilitate a garden-based and local farm curriculum to share with educators and food service directors.
- Help to calculate the percent of local food purchasing throughout the district.
- Identify and supply a list of local farmers /distributors who can provide local food.
- Support local food purchasing by providing access to minimally processed fruits and vegetables.
- Identify and apply for grants to provide resources to improve school gardens and classroom supplies.

Please check off the following Farm to School activities that your district plans to participate in throughout the 2019-2020 school year:

- Create and/or maintain a school garden with an integrated garden-based learning curriculum.
- Serve locally produced foods into the school meals program.
- Offer regular (1x/week or 1x/month) taste-tests of local food in the cafeteria.
- Implement NY Thursdays into the cafeteria.
- Incorporate Harvest of the Month & agricultural curriculum into the classrooms.
- Participate in field trips to local farms.

By signing this document, we, _____, agree to work towards the following goals through implementation of the activities stated above:

- Continue to build a sustainable food system in the Adirondacks by creating connections between classrooms, cafeterias, communities, school gardens, and local farms.
- Incorporate more local foods into the school meal programs.
- Increase garden-based learning curriculums.
- Incorporate more school grown food into the cafeteria, classrooms, and backpack program.
- Integrate Harvest of the Month curriculum into the classroom.
- Make measurable progress towards spending 30% of food budgets locally (within a 250-mile radius) by 2020.

Superintendent/Principal: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Food Service Director: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Garden Coordinator: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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