



What's New at F2CC?

Four Provincial Governments Give Farm to School a Boost: Will others follow suit?



In recent weeks, 4 out of 10 provincial governments in Canada have announced funding for school food initiatives. Notably, 3 of these governments are solidly supporting Farm to School. In total, more than \$12 million has been promised in the upcoming year. Needless to say the national Farm to Cafeteria Canada team is thrilled to learn of this news. Which government will follow

suit? Stay tuned! Farm to Cafeteria Canada and our many partners are working behind the scenes with government colleagues on panCanadian activities to raise the Farm to School bar even higher!

Farm to School Grant Recipients



Farm to Cafeteria Canada is pleased to announce that we have delivered 50 Farm to School grants (valued at approximately 10K each) to schools in BC and ON in order to support their efforts to get more healthy, local foods on the minds and on the plates of students. [Read More](#)

Pan Canadian Initiatives



Celebrating the Impact of Nourishing School Communities

Nourishing School Communities has wrapped up after three successful years. The initiative was intended to bring together partners from across Canada around the vision of getting more healthy and local foods into the minds and onto the plates of school children.

The objectives of this evidence-based initiative were to implement, scale up and evaluate best practices by guiding school communities to create healthy school food environments. Nourishing School Communities provided \$2.4 million to various programs across the country thanks to funding from the federal government through the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer's Coalitions Linking Action & Science for Prevention (CLASP) program. [Read More](#)



Learning Circles: Local healthy foods to school initiative expands to four more Indigenous communities

A Learning Circle provides an opportunity for Learning Circle members to share knowledge, skills, and resources to strengthen local food systems within school food programs and learning environments. In British Columbia four Indigenous communities are implementing Learning Circles in order to increase capacity for more local, healthy, and traditional foods in schools. [Read More](#)



Food is Health: Capturing the full value of food in care

With the growing burden of chronic illness, evidence of patient malnutrition extending hospital stays, and the likelihood of patient readmission, healthcare providers are at a crossroads regarding the role of food - and food education - in the system. Nourish

will take part in a two-year leadership program. [Read More](#)



Farmers Feed Campuses!

Meal Exchange is soliciting feedback from farmers across Canada to ensure our Real Food standards for campus procurement meet the needs and values of the folks that grow our food. If you know a farmer/farm-worker or a network of farmers who enjoy sharing their ideas, please direct them to celia@mealexchange.com to participate in our national survey.

This survey is part of Meal Exchange's work to adapt the Real Food Calculator to Canada's campuses. Established in the U.S. in 2007, the [Real Food Calculator](#) is a verification tool, administered by students to provide an independent audit of their campus's 'Real Food' purchasing and communicate the results. It has been run by students at 248 institutions across the U.S. to audit and increase the sustainability of over 472K individual products totalling over \$373M of food purchases. The definition of 'Real Food' is built upon industry-leading certifications and standards for local, ecological, fair, and humane agriculture.

Regional News



Immaculate Heart of Mary School in NL Finds a Clear Vision



With blowing snow

advisories still in effect in Corner

Brook Newfoundland, students and teachers at Immaculate Heart of Mary school may not have great visibility of their greenhouse, but their Farm to School vision sure is clear! [More](#)



Fresh, Local Food Planned at 3 P.E.I. Schools Under New \$100K Program



"Although we are fortunate to

live on Canada's Food Island that offers fresh, high quality, nutritious food, not all Islanders can access it," said PEI Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Alan McIsaac as he announced a new \$100,000 school food program. [More](#)



Cooperative Receives \$273K to Distribute Local Food to NB Schools



The Government of New

Brunswick has allocated \$273,000 to support Agri-food NB - a local food cooperative whose primary objective is to have more local food served in public institutions, beginning with school cafeterias. [More](#)



A First in Quebec



Two Montreal schools have taken an

innovative approach this year to fundraising. These schools will introduce students and their parents to the delicious and



Healthy and Local Fare in ON Schools



"May 10, 2017 will mark 13

years of making real delicious, nutritious and affordable meals and snacks accessible to thousands of kids daily with



Local Veggie Day Kicks Off Annual Healthy Choice Fundraiser in MB



Only a few days after "Local Veggie Day" was declared by

Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler and

Quebec through the Schools Take Root project. The products, grown and delivered by a local organic farmer, are an interesting alternative to traditional oranges and chocolate. [More](#)

producers", says David Farnell co-founder of Real Food For Real Kids. RFRK is one of a growing number of agencies in Ontario dishing up healthy and local fare in schools. [More](#)

Living) Farm to School Manitoba kicked off its seventh annual Healthy Choice Fundraiser. As part of this year's fundraiser, 305 schools and daycares participated and nearly \$400,000 was raised that will go back into their communities. [More](#)



\$10 Million for School Nutrition is Good, But Not Good Enough Says AB Chronic Disease Coalition



The recent announcement by the Alberta government of \$10 Million to support school nutrition programs is a step in the right direction, says the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention (APCCP). However, a Coalition press release states that the announced total is a far cry from the \$60 million promised during the 2015 election campaign. APCCP is a coalition of 17 prominent health organizations from across Alberta. [More](#)



Farm to School BC Receives \$1 Million



The Public Health Association of BC will receive \$1 million in funding to support the Farm to School BC program following a recent announcement by BC Health Minister Terry Lake. Farm to School BC is one of three provincial programs promoting healthy eating and access to local fruit and vegetables for lower-income families, seniors, and young students. [More](#)

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