



Healthy, local and sustainable food in all public institutions



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Farm to Cafeteria Canada National Director Joanne Bays Set to Begin New Chapter

After helping to establish and lead Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC), our National Director, Joanne Bays is moving away from her position to pursue other personal and professional opportunities. This decision comes nine years after Joanne sparked the F2CC movement and inspired thousands to follow.

In 2009, Joanne and 25 change makers from across Canada created a network whose vision was to add more healthy local sustainable foods in Canada's public institutions. In 2011, the network became official thanks to funding from the J.W. McConnell Foundation. In 2014, F2CC and the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia cemented an innovative partnership - providing fiscal, evaluative, and strategic planning support to the fledgling network. What began as a dream is now a growing pan-Canadian organization helping to transform regional and institutional food landscapes.

Working with Joanne over the years has been incredibly fun and inspirational. She planted a seed, nurtured it, watched it flourish, and has invited everyone to the harvest!

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Evaluation Framework to Help Determine F2CC Impact



Farm to school initiatives are being adopted with great enthusiasm across Canada and there is huge potential for these efforts to expand and thrive. But what results are farm to school activities achieving in communities? F2CC is developing an evaluation framework that will help determine the impact of the farm to school approach. Specifically, the Farm to School Evaluation Framework / Toolkit for Canada will guide practitioners, researchers and policy makers as they articulate, track, measure and communicate the impacts of farm to school activities and policies. The framework will include research questions and priority outcomes worthy of consistent measurement along with related indicators and measures.

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US National Farm to School Hosts Conference in Albuquerque, NM



NATIONAL FARM to CAFETERIA CONFERENCE

NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL NETWORK

April 21-23, 2020 | Albuquerque, New Mexico

Join more than 800 food systems leaders from across the US at the 10th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference, hosted by the National Farm to School Network in Albuquerque, NM, April 21-23, 2020. This event is the only national gathering of stakeholders from across the farm to cafeteria movement. Early Bird discounts end Feb. 28. Register at www.farmtocafeteriaconference.org.

Calling all Schools! Apply for a Farm to School Canada Grant – Deadline March 27th



Farm to Cafeteria Canada, in partnership with the Whole Kids Foundation, is pleased to share details of the third round of Farm to School Canada Grants. Valued at up to \$10,000 each and provided over the course of two years, the Grants are delivered directly to schools and designed to bring more of the local harvest into schools where it is featured in a Salad Bar meal service using the Farm to School Approach.

The goal? To see more students and school communities engaged in growing, purchasing, harvesting, cooking, serving, learning about, and eating healthy, local and sustainable foods at

school.

An [online webinar](#) is available to guide you through the application. It is also available in a PDF format. Applications close March 27th and notifications to successful grant applicants will be communicated by May 15th, 2020.

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