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Inspiration. Innovation. **IMPACT.**

We're excited to share the following updates about the 2019 National Farm to School Conference:

Only 50 days to the conference! Register now and join us as we **INSPIRE**, **INNOVATE** & organize for **IMPACT**.

NEW Program Updates

The conference program will include two full days (May 16 & 17) of plenaries, workshops, exhibits, posters and LOTS of opportunities for audience participation.

- **Canadian Chefs: Stirring up Change!**



This panel discussion will feature three renowned chefs, Jean-François Archambault, Barb Finley and Gary Hoyer, who will explore the role of chefs as educators, sources of inspiration for youth, and the ways chefs are transforming food systems in public institutions and engaging students and whole communities in the process.

What are the chefs saying about the conference?

“Chefs have the capacity, the knowledge and the passion to change the way we see food in schools.” - Jean-François Archambault, Executive Director and Founder of La Tablée des Chefs

“I am excited to attend the Farm to Cafeteria conference to discuss food literacy in Canadian schools. With so many garden to table initiatives taking place across our country we have much to learn from each other.” - Barb Finley, Founder and Director, Project CHEF Education Society

“The conference is exciting because it presents an opportunity to connect with others who can share their stories, great ideas about overcoming challenges and delivering Farm to School activities to students.” - Gary Hoyer, Professor, George Brown College

- **Meet your Farmer** - presented by the BC Ministry of Agriculture.
This interactive workshop will provide participants with a forum to go straight to the source for information on food production with an opportunity to hear from BC farmers and agri-food leaders.
- **Kid Food Nation** - presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.
This workshop will share the elements of a community-based literacy program, [Kid Food Nation](#), and the key learnings of running a structured program across different community sites.



Field Trips

We have made some updates on the [website](#) regarding our Conference Field Trips taking place on **May 15**. This will be a great way to learn about regional food initiatives and have the opportunity to explore beautiful Vancouver Island! All Field Trips will depart and return from the Victoria Convention Center. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

Tickets are going fast, with the Foraging Field Trip already sold out, and the Urban Food Walking Tour on the verge of being sold out so please [sign up](#) soon!

Celebrating the Harvest: Reception & Dinner - Thursday May 16, 2019, 6-9pm



This will be an evening to celebrate and enjoy the spring bounty of local food, to recognize youth, and to connect with one another. The event will be hosted at the Songhees Wellness Centre, the community centre of the Lekwungen Nation. For more details, visit the [website](#).

F2S Inspirational Video Feature



Looking to get your F2S creative juices flowing? In each of these updates we're featuring inspiring videos of Farm to School activity happening across Canada. Check out this week's video from [Schools Take Root](#) project, viewable via the conference [homepage](#).

Do have a video you'd like to share? Send us an [email](#) with a link for a chance to have it appear as one of our feature videos!

*That's all for now! We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 National Farm to School Conference, as we **INSPIRE**, **INNOVATE** and organize for **IMPACT** to close the distance between farm and fork and bring more healthy, local, sustainable food to the minds and plates of students!*



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