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## Inspiration. Innovation. **IMPACT.**

**We are excited to see at the 2019 National Farm to School Conference in 2 days! Here are some final updates in preparation for your arrival at the conference:**

### **Where can I register?**

Pre - Registration will take place on Wednesday May 15th from 7:30am - 12:00pm next to the Totem Poles on the main floor (720 Douglas). Regular registration will commence on Thursday May 16th from 7:30 - 8:45 am in the Foyer located on the 2nd floor.

Printed English and French programs will be available at the registration.

You can also visit our Conference App or website ([farmtoschoolconference2019.ca](http://farmtoschoolconference2019.ca)) to view the full Conference Program descriptions and details.

The conference app is the best way to stay organized during the conference, keep track of your schedule and workshop times, connect with other attendees, access resources, documents, and more. Go to <https://2019farmtoschoolconf.sched.com/>

For those driving directly to the conference center, there is an underground parking lot beneath the conference center. Otherwise there are some parkades close by, including Broughton St. which is closest.

## Sharing of Participant List

In effort to support networking at the conference, all delegates will receive a participant list at registration. This will include name, organization, and email contact information. **If you do NOT wish to have your information shared, please email [conference@farmtocafeteriacanada.ca](mailto:conference@farmtocafeteriacanada.ca) by 12:00pm PST on Wednesday May 15th.**

## What to bring?

This conference has set out to create a space for rich dialogues and strengthening collaboration. We encourage you to bring your ideas and resources to share, wisdom, curiosity and appetite.

## Will there be morning refreshments?

Coffee, tea and water will be served during the morning registration and wellness break (with fruit provided) so ensure you have breakfast before arriving at the conference.

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## Field Trips - Wednesday May 15, 2019

Participants who have registered for a field trip have been sent an email with detailed information - some details have changed, please review the email.

### Departures:

- Field trips will depart from the Victoria Conference Center (720 Douglas St.)
  - Arrive **at least 15 minutes** before departure time to register for the conference and field trip.
  - Dress appropriately for the weather including suitable footwear - there is currently a chance of rain.
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## **Celebrating the Harvest: Reception & Dinner - Thursday May 16, 2019, 6-9 pm**

**Songhees Wellness Centre, Lekwungen Nation**

There are a limited number of tickets remaining, if you are interested in attending the event, please contact [conference@farmtocafeteriacanada.ca](mailto:conference@farmtocafeteriacanada.ca) - no later than Monday May 13th at midnight (PST).

### **Special guests include:**



Honorable Lana Popham, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia,  
Minister of Agriculture

**Departure:** The Songhees Wellness Centre is located a short 12 minute drive from the Victoria Conference Centre. Transportation will be provided by school bus, leaving from the front entrance of the Conference Centre, beginning at 5:45pm, immediately following the day's conference proceedings.

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## **There are so many inspiring sessions to look forward to, here are a few highlights:**

- [Better Together: The Power of Partnerships](#)

This panel of change agents and investors from diverse sectors will share why they are engaged in transformative change. The panel will share their stories and the impacts of their investment in this arena. They will reflect upon opportunities that they see for

- [In Their Own Words: Sharing the Stories of Indigenous Youth](#)

Through videos, song and short talks, this session will highlight how Indigenous youth are sharing their local food to school stories, in their own words.

- [Evaluation For Transformation: Perspectives From Canada and the US](#)

Now that healthy local and sustainable school food are on the radar of policy makers and funders, let's roll up our sleeves to provide the evidence they need to get more that food onto the minds and onto plates of students. This panel of evaluation leads from across the continent will speak of exciting ways and means we can inform and inspire decision makers.

## George Brown College Farm to School Survey

George Brown College is looking for school- based partners to participate in a Farm to School Survey. The survey is part of a federal Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) research project investigating the diverse conditions necessary to support F2S activities and attempting to identify best practices for stakeholders by understanding the conditions and key factors that lead to measures of success for F2S activities that align with the three pillars of F2S:

- Healthy, Local Food in Schools;
- Food Literacy and Hands-On Learning;
- School and Community Connectedness.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

You'll find the link to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QN99FC6>

We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Professor Gary Hoyer, Principal Investigator, and Student Researchers from George Brown College

## F2D 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 [Kid Food Nation](#), 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!*

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*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!*



*Farm to School: Canada Digs In!* is a multi-sectoral chronic disease prevention initiative lead by Farm to Cafeteria Canada in partnership with the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Whole Kids Foundation, Meal Exchange, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, Food First Newfoundland, New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Equiterre, Sustain Ontario and the Public Health Association of British Columbia.

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