



It's Not Goodbye Joanne, it's See you Again Soon!



On February 24th Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) announced that our National Director, Joanne Bays, would be stepping away from her role to pursue a new chapter. The time has come to wish Joanne farewell on her next adventure.

It's a time of mixed emotion for our team, but more than anything it is a time to celebrate Joanne.

Joanne has been an unwavering inspiration and leader not only to our team, but to the entire F2CC - and especially the Farm to School – movement in Canada. We're pleased that she will remain available in an advisory capacity as Director Emeritus on the F2CC Leadership Council.

Effective April 1st, **Jesse Veenstra**, Manager of Farm to School Initiatives, will be acting National Director as we complete our recruitment process for Joanne's successor. Jesse can be reached at Farm2SchoolCanada@gmail.com

As we wish Joanne a final farewell, we leave you with her inspirational words.

- ***I have this big, bold, beautiful dream born out of love for my daughter, my community, and my planet. In my dream...***
- ***Every child has an opportunity to experience the joy of Farm to School.***
- ***Every school has a garden, a kitchen, a dining and a composting area.***
- ***Every school affords students adequate time to eat.***
- ***Food is acknowledged as an academic subject in curriculum across Canada.***
- ***Schools are "food advertising free zones."***
- ***Every school has a policy to procure and serve as much healthy, local, sustainably produced, minimally processed and packaged foods as possible.***
- ***Every community in Canada has a vibrant, thriving, regional food system that prioritizes the sustainable production, processing, and delivery of foods to***

schools.

- *The Government of Canada works with provincial governments, territories, and Indigenous nations, to develop and put in place a national Farm to School Act.*
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Search Begins for new F2CC National Director



Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) and the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia are seeking an experienced individual to take on the role of National Director to represent F2CC, provide strategic direction, lead the F2CC team, and effectively manage the organization's programs and services. To find out more about this [job posting](#) visit our [website](#).

Since 2011, F2CC has been partnering with organizations across the country to inspire and support the Farm to School momentum from coast to coast to coast. To date, more than 1229 schools report they are affording in 867,782 students an opportunity to grow, harvest, and eat healthy local foods at school. Combined, these schools estimate they spend \$16.3 million annually on local foods. Our contribution to the flourishing farm to school landscape is significant and includes examples such as partnering with the Whole Kids Foundation to provide grants of up to \$10,000 each to 91 schools in five provinces as well as gathering solid evidence of the impact of putting more healthy, local, sustainable foods in our public institutions.

To find out more about Farm to Cafeteria Canada, visit our [website](#).

Stories from the Field:

Corner Brook, Nfld School Builds Made-to-Measure Salad Bar



Each school that receives a Farm to School Canada Grant has its own unique approach to integrating access to healthy, local food in the school. One of the 2018 grant recipients showed a wonderful display of community and adapted the initial concept to meet the needs of their students. Read how Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School in Corner Brook, Newfoundland implemented a brand new salad bar and launched it with great fanfare.

To read more school stories and their contributions to a more vibrant and sustainable local food system, visit <http://www.farmtocafeteriacanada.ca/news/stories-from-the-field/>

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