

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's school food service professionals work diligently to nourish our state's youth and have consistently gone the extra mile to maintain food access for kids across our state throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's farmers and food system workers play an essential role in the prosperity of our rural and urban communities and provide local fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, and grains to folks in every corner of our state; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's Farm to School and Institution Program supports local food businesses, equitable food systems, and supply chain developments by connecting food suppliers to local procurement initiatives; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's Farm to School Network, in partnership with the Wisconsin Farm to School Advisory Council, engages local food businesses, community leaders, educators, policy makers, parents, caregivers, and students to create resilient food communities throughout our state while advancing racial and social equity efforts by addressing disparities in access to program benefits; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction supports student access to nutritious local foods, educational and enrichment experiences, and school garden development through school meal programs, procurement opportunities, and training for school food service professionals; and

*WHEREAS*; every school year, Wisconsin schools serve more than 114 million meals and invest \$9.2 million in local foods, creating an important and reliable market for local farm products and economic opportunities for producers and communities throughout our state; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins kids and families throughout our state in celebrating Wisconsin Farm to School Month—and the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch initiative—and in expressing appreciation for our local farmers, resilient and thriving local food systems, and school nutrition heroes;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

## WISCONSIN FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be  
affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of  
Madison this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State