

# REAP FOOD GROUP

FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2017/18

The Farm to School Project is a partnership between REAP Food Group and the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Food and Nutrition Department to increase the amount of locally-grown, fresh foods in district snacks and lunches, and to teach nutrition and agriculture lessons to students and staff.

## SERVING FARM-FRESH PRODUCE

The Farm to School Snack Program serves a weekly, locally-grown fruit or veggie snack to more than 300 classrooms at 12 MMSD elementary schools. Last school year, the program purchased more than 23,400 pounds of local produce from 16 sustainable farms within 100 miles of Madison. Fresh produce is also a highlight of the Farm to School Garden Bars, offering students in 42 elementary and middle schools daily exposure to nutritious fruits and vegetables.



## REACHING TEENS WITH HEALTHY, LOCAL 'GRAB & GO' LUNCH

In April 2018, REAP and MMSD launched Uproot by REAP, a food truck serving healthy, locally-sourced lunches to students at La Follette, East, West and Memorial high schools. Students use their school lunch account to purchase fully reimbursable meals featuring a local ingredient from the food truck, which was generously donated by specialty cheese company Roth Cheese. Uproot by REAP is one of few Farm to School food trucks being used in the nation's school districts, joining an innovative program that is increasing school lunch participation and healthier choices by teens, especially those who are food insecure.



## TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEALTHY EATERS

REAP Food Group hosts four AmeriCorps Nutrition Educators who spend their days leading nutrition and agriculture lessons in local elementary and middle schools. Local farmers are also invited to lead lessons on sustainable agriculture through "Farmer in the Classroom." Students learn how to use fresh produce in the kitchen through REAP's "Chef in the Classroom" program, inviting local chefs to teach hands-on cooking lessons to middle and high school students.



## FEEDING CHILDREN YEAR-ROUND

For the past three summers, REAP Food Group has partnered with MMSD to expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Program, which provides free meals to children 18 and younger at 50 sites throughout Madison. Five days a week from June to August, parents and caregivers can bring their children to one of REAP's four summer program sites for a fresh, locally-sourced lunch and fun, educational activities led by REAP interns. With funding from the City of Madison, REAP is able to give free meals to parents and caregivers, too.



## BY THE NUMBERS:

**113,500**  
pounds of local  
produce served in  
MMSD schools

**\$140,500**  
spent by MMSD on  
local produce last  
school year

**4,600**  
students served  
local snacks

**1,400**  
students taught during  
food, nutrition and  
agriculture lessons

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### SCHOOLS SERVED IN 2017-18

Note: All 48 Madison Metropolitan School District schools feature local produce as part of the district's general food program.

School Served	Education	Local Snack	Garden Bar	Population	% Free and Reduced Lunch
Allis Elementary*	•	•	•	489	72%
Badger Rock Middle		•	•	88	78%
Black Hawk Middle			•	396	72%
Chavez Elementary			•	654	31%
Cherokee Middle*			•	525	54%
Crestwood Elementary			•	344	38%
East High School*	•		•	1,643	59%
Elvehjem Elementary*			•	423	31%
Emerson Elementary		•	•	409	54%
Falk Elementary	•	•	•	361	68%
Franklin Elementary		•	•	390	24%
Glendale Elementary	•	•	•	509	67%
Gompers Elementary			•	236	56%
Hawthorne Elementary*	•	•	•	387	66%
Jefferson Middle			•	514	50%
Kennedy Elementary			•	530	45%
La Follette High*			•	1,571	57%
Lake View Elementary	•	•	•	260	70%
Lapham Elementary*			•	255	42%
Leopold Elementary*	•	•	•	729	65%
Lincoln Elementary*	•	•	•	431	59%

School Served	Education	Local Snack	Garden Bar	Population	% Free and Reduced Lunch
Lindbergh Elementary	•	•	•	170	68%
Lowell Elementary			•	348	36%
Marquette Elementary			•	207	37%
Memorial High*			•	1,937	36%
Mendota Elementary*	•	•	•	324	76%
Midvale Elementary			•	445	51%
Muir Elementary			•	397	41%
Nuestro Mundo Elem.			•	309	56%
O'Keeffe Middle*			•	469	50%
Olson Elementary			•	443	35%
Orchard Ridge Elem.*	•	•	•	294	61%
Randall Elementary		•	•	359	22%
Sandburg Elementary	•	•	•	481	65%
Schenk Elementary*	•	•	•	420	68%
Sennett Middle			•	669	67%
Sherman Middle*	•		•	463	71%
Spring Harbor Middle			•	264	34%
Thoreau Elementary*			•	436	45%
Toki Middle*			•	573	42%
West High*			•	2,240	35%
Whitehorse Middle*			•	453	55%

\*Summer Food Program locations.

### LOCAL FARM PARTNERS

