

# Farm to School

## Cass County

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Implementation for farm to school can include procurement from local farmers, education on agriculture, food, health and nutrition, and school gardening where kids have an opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences. The goal for farm to school is for children, producers and communities to be vibrant.

Farm to School offers an appealing solution to assist in health promotion for teachers, students and community. Farm to School improves student health and promotes economic development by supporting local businesses through procurement.



### PROJECTS:

Each project will also be looking at opportunities to connect into school curriculum. Additionally, a toolkit will be developed to assist schools around the state.

All activities mentioned below are in conceptual stage, we are still looking for partners and confirming extent of projects.

**CAM:** Considering options for a daycare and elementary school garden to be used in education curriculum. Additionally, designing and developing a potential school farm and greenhouse near the woodshop.

**GRISWOLD:** Developing a toolkit for curriculum and implementation options for school gardens and farm to school activities.

**ATLANTIC:** Assessment and design for appropriate vertical retaining wall garden and raised beds at Washington school. Additionally, near Schuler school, the open space will be designed for edibles perennial space and dwarf orchard.

### GET INVOLVED:

We are looking for parents, students, and local organization involvement in all projects to ensure community success. Contact us to get involved!

### GRANTS:

Cass County USDA Farm to School Grant: Planning grant that assesses the readiness in 3 school districts for farm to school curriculum, taste-testing and gardening

Community Food Systems Program: Assisting Cass school districts with design and development of various projects (shown above)

Master Gardeners: Increasing food access for underprivileged audiences

