10 Cents a Meal for Michigan’s Kids and Farms

What is it?
- Competitive matching grant opportunity
- No additional purchases – you are already buying fruits, vegetables, and legumes for your meals just make it a Michigan one!
- Awarded grant amounts are based on past local purchasing - $1,000 to $50,000
- Awards are paid out in 10-cent increments for every meal served with local produce

Who Can Apply?
- All school and non-school sponsors who participate in child nutrition programs. (NSLP/SSO, CACFP, SFSP)
- You must be the fiscal agent (receiving reimbursement directly from MDE, not through a sponsor)
- Eligible meals include breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper

How do I Apply?
- Application: Michigan Department of Education 2022 10 Cents a Meal Grant (state.mi.us)
- Instructions: 10_CENT_APPLICATION_INSTRUCTIONS_1.30.22.pdf
- Help: 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan’s Kids & Farms (tencentsmichigan.org)
- Dates: The application will be open from February 1, 2022 through February 11, 2022.

How do I Purchase Local Fruits and Vegetables?
- Local produce can be purchased from broadline distributor, food hub, school garden, farm market, farmer’s market, grocery store, DoD, commodities
- Fruits, vegetables, and legumes must be minimally processed.
  - Produce that is washed, cut, dried, and packaged are allowed.
  - Items that are canned, such as applesauce, are not allowed.

How do I submit documents?
- Track Michigan-grown items from your invoices, or request a Michigan specific report from your distributor if available
- Upload the template with monthly purchase and meal data
- Specific upload instructions are still to be announced

What else is required?
- Complete the quarterly surveys that tell us what you are doing and where you need help.
- Promote local produce through taste testing, posters, flyers, newsletters, guest speakers.
- Form partnerships with neighboring districts for procurement and resource support