

## PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT 10 CENTS A MEAL



“I am excited about the prospect of 10 Cents a Meal helping kids across the state and right here in Detroit where we will put this program to use the second it becomes real. This is how we change the food system and get local food to our children.”

—**Betti Wiggins, Food Service Director, Detroit Public Schools**; 2016 School Nutrition Association of Michigan School Food Service Director of the Year. Detroit was not eligible to apply in the first round.



“Encouraging institutions to purchase more food from local sources is something that is extremely important, and undoubtedly has a positive impact on our farmer members producing food in regions all across Michigan.”

—**Kevin Robson, Horticulture Specialist, Michigan Farm Bureau**



“As a small, rural school district, we look for ways to increase revenue so we can increase options for our kids. In an agricultural area like ours, this funding can have a very tangible effect on the local economy. Staff and students will form a closer and healthier relationship with food because they can literally see where it’s grown.”

—**Caryn Elam, Food Service Director, Hart Public Schools**, who applied but was not funded. She hopes for another opportunity. This is from her application in the first round. The pirate is the school’s mascot.



“The 10 Cents a Meal Program has greatly increased our fresh produce business to area schools. The students are getting healthy, tasty local fruits and vegetables, which school food service directors tell us the students like and eat. The local farmers get to sell more produce, which helps the growers’ economics. Basically, great benefits for all involved.”

—**Jim Bardenhagen, Leelanau Farmer, MSU Extension Director Emeritus**



“Bottom-line is that Michigan enjoys a positive return on investment with the 10 Cents a Meal Program, benefiting farmers, schools, and kids...locally grown food tastes even better with this program.”

—**Matt McCauley, Executive Director, Networks Northwest**