



10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids & Farms is sparking healthy choices and a vibrant economy by providing schools with match incentive funding to purchase and serve Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables and legumes.

Status in Michigan: 10 Cents a Meal for School Kids & Farms has been recognized as an innovative model nationally by the National Farm to School Network and others. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer included 10 Cents a Meal in her proposed 2020 state budget, expanding the bipartisan support this program had received over the last three budget cycles. Through a supplemental, 10 Cents was restored this summer in the 2019-2020 budget for \$575,000. The funding is made available to the same regions as last year- about half the counties in the state. This preserves the program's infrastructure, and affirms the state's value of supporting our schools in purchasing locally grown produce for our children in school meals.

Other ways to get engaged:

Learn more: Find lots of information at tencentsmichigan.org, including [legislative reports](#), [success stories](#), and more. You can also sign up for the 10 Cents a Meal [e-newsletter](#).

Sign on as a supporter: [Add your name](#) to the list of people and organizations that embrace investing in local food for kids in schools as a positive part of Michigan's identity. If you want, you can also be alerted to opportunities for advocacy.

Spread the word: Raise awareness about this innovative program with health and economy advocates, school boards, PTAs, food service staff, state legislators, and other leaders. You'll find hand-outs at [Tools for Communities](#) at the tencentsmichigan.org web site.

Help schools seize the opportunity: You can help schools understand how to be strong applicants and grantees. A good start is the Grant Application Guide at the [Tools for Schools](#) tab of tencentsmichigan.org.

Support schools in success: Successful grantees engage children so they are excited about trying new foods. Examples include taste tests in the cafeteria or classroom and fun facts about food for the eyes or brain. Food service staff and educators alike would welcome your help. More ideas are at the Build Your Farm to School Program page of [Tools for Schools](#).

Get social: Like, follow, and share the 10 Cents a Meal [Facebook](#) page.