



10 Cents a Meal for School 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. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has just included 10 Cents a Meal in her budget. The legislature, meanwhile, was the champion of the program for its first three years. Because of term limits, we have a large number of policymakers who likely have not heard of the program before. As a result, there is a tremendous opportunity to educate policymakers about the program as the new legislature also considers next year's state budget.

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](#).

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