



Policy Briefing: Farm to School Grant Bill (S.349 & H.686)

MA FOOD FOR MA KIDS OVERVIEW

Massachusetts Food for Massachusetts Kids is a statewide advocacy effort by a network of partners and farm to school advocates working to support schools and districts in the following areas:



- Maximizing **equitable access** to meals at school for all students
- **Strengthening school meals**, including maximizing the use of locally grown and produced foods and providing meals that are culturally connected to diverse student populations
- Offering engaging **food education** and experiential garden-based learning to all students

BILL TO ESTABLISH A FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

- Filed by Sen. Lesser & Rep. Pignatelli
- A competitive grant program within Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education to fund infrastructure, training, & education
- Public K-12 *and* Early Education & Care eligible (if participate in federal meal programs)
- Prioritize high need districts

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Photo courtesy of Springfield Public Schools

FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST

- \$1,000,000 to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to fund the first year of the Massachusetts Farm to School grant program
- 10-20 grants, ranging from \$50,000-100,000 each
- Consider ARPA funds as a source of funding to launch program



Learn more and get involved:
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