

Morning hearing 10:30-12:00

Start time: 10:35

1. Opener—the FTS landscape/big picture/Network-VT FEED (Betsy Rosenbluth & Abbie Nelson (5) 3Cs, Impact FTS in VT; Network levers goals and priorities, who is here today

Our ask: expand program to preschoolers, support budget allocation, help us reach our goal of FTS in every community - state is a critical partner

2. Administration and Food Service: Two Rivers-Bruce Williams and Jack Carroll (10 min)
 - What is educational, health and economic value of FTS on school and students?
 - What difference has it made? Personal stories most powerful
 - Jack – local purchasing success and opportunities?
 - How does investment pay off for students and communities?
3. School presentation—Bristol (10 min) (start about 10:45 am)
 - What is impact of FTS on school and students?
 - Students – what difference has it made? Personal story (ies) of change (Genevieve Forand, Charlotte Crum, Wesley Husk, Wyatt Bannister)
 - How has it increased access to good nutrition and purchase of local foods? (Laura Collaro)
 - How has Ag. literacy improved? (Peg Sutlive)
4. Todd Brown of Farmer Brown Farm: selling to Bakersfield—the farm and school connection (possibly Misse joining in?) (5 min)
 - How is local food getting to school?
 - Why serving local food in schools and Ag. literacy is important
 - What are future opportunities?
5. School presentation—Northfield (10 min) (start about 11am)
 - What is impact of FTS on school, farms and students?
 - Students – what difference has it made? Personal story (ies) of change (Zoe Ryan, Amirah Lewis, Orrin Price, Izzy Jackson)
 - How has it increased access to good nutrition and purchase of local foods? (Misse Axelrod)
 - How has Ag. literacy improved? (Patricia O'Reagan)
6. Steve Marinelli serving Milton School District Pre-school to HS (5 min)
 - Emphasize high school opportunities
 - Preschool importance and story
 - How does this benefit students and farmers?
 - How did you make this happen?
7. Pre-school: Ryan Torres (5 min)
 - Benefits of Farm to Preschool – starting with young ones
 - Support grants and training to childcare programs, and why?
 - Story of success you can share
8. VT Department of Health—Susan Camp or Commissioner Harry Chen (5 min)
 - Why VDH is investing in Farm to School
 - Stories of success?
9. Doug Davis serving Burlington School District (5 min)
 - Feeding kids-universal meals
 - Impact of FTS
 - Opportunities for benefiting local economy –Burlington's story

- Importance of investing in program
- Speak in numbers (meals, \$local, kids, etc)

10. Ali Zipparo VT FTS grants program-VAAFM (5 min)

- Grants program impact
- State support leveraging other \$\$
- Grants and TA—one important part of bigger puzzle of food system change
- Working on supply and demand – future consumers

11. Hunger Free VT (5 min)

- FTS Virtuous Cycle
- FTS helps meal programs, contributes to feeding kids
- wrap up

12. Questions—15 minutes

Afternoon committee Appointments:

Senate Health and Welfare: chair is Claire Ayer from Addison Co.—Bristol Elem testify with VDH and VT FEED? (Chrissy Gilhuly); **Confirmed for 11:45 Room 11**

Bristol Elementary: Students-Genevieve Forand, Charlotte Crum, Wesley Husk, Wyatt Bannister; School Food Service, Laura Collaro and teacher, Peg Sutlive

They will share the impact of FTS on school and students and how FTS has increased access to good nutrition and purchase of local foods

House Health and Human Services: chair is Ann Pugh from Chittenden and Rep. Steven Berry from Bennington Co.--Bennington Girls School and VDH, VAAFM testify (Julie Hunter); **3:30pm confirmed Room 46, 3rd floor**

Bennington Girls School: Leanne Yinger, teacher, Cassidy Gilman and Nikita Sarantakis. They will share their experiences in the Culinary program working within the context of farm to school (fresh local/regional foods, making meals from scratch, learning culinary skills. Also presenting their horticulture program and Chuck Krawczyk the horticulture instructor will share what we've been doing.

Senate Education: chair is Ann Cummings from Washington Co.--Northfield students and teacher w/FEED testify (Ken Bruno) **2pm, confirmed Room 32**

Northfield Elementary: Students: Zoe Ryan, Amirah Lewis, Orrin Price, Izzy Jackson; Misse Axelrod, Farm to School Coordinator and farmer; Patricia O'Reagan, teacher

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House Committee on Health: Rep. Morris from Bennington Co.—Bennington students, VDH, FEED or VAAFM testify? Waiting to hear (Loring Starr)