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Subject: RE: FTS Budget Hearing

From: Carolyn Parillo [<mailto:cparillo@brsu.org>]

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To: Theresa Utton

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Dear Theresa Utton-Jerman,

I am writing to share my support for additional funds for Farm to School efforts across the state of Vermont. Our school has an active leadership committee that has been addressing concerns with students' overall health, and the impact that illness and poor nutrition has on their access to education. It is a well known fact that healthy foods cost more than processed, chemically induced foods, and with our school community, (which is at 79% free and reduced lunch) our families cannot afford healthy foods. We have partnered with a local farm which has helped us to increase student access and interest to healthy foods, but it is not enough. FTS efforts will do nothing but benefit us all. It will help to financially support and sustain local farmers, while it supports better nutrition for our most precious gifts, our children, and our VT families. I am thrilled to help bring our school to the next level with our FTS plans. We have big dreams, and with the support of FTS grants, we can make these dreams come true.

Sincerely,

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