

Thank You!

Because you expanded the Farm to School Grant Program and increased its funding, over 1,700 more VT students now have access to a universal free meal program

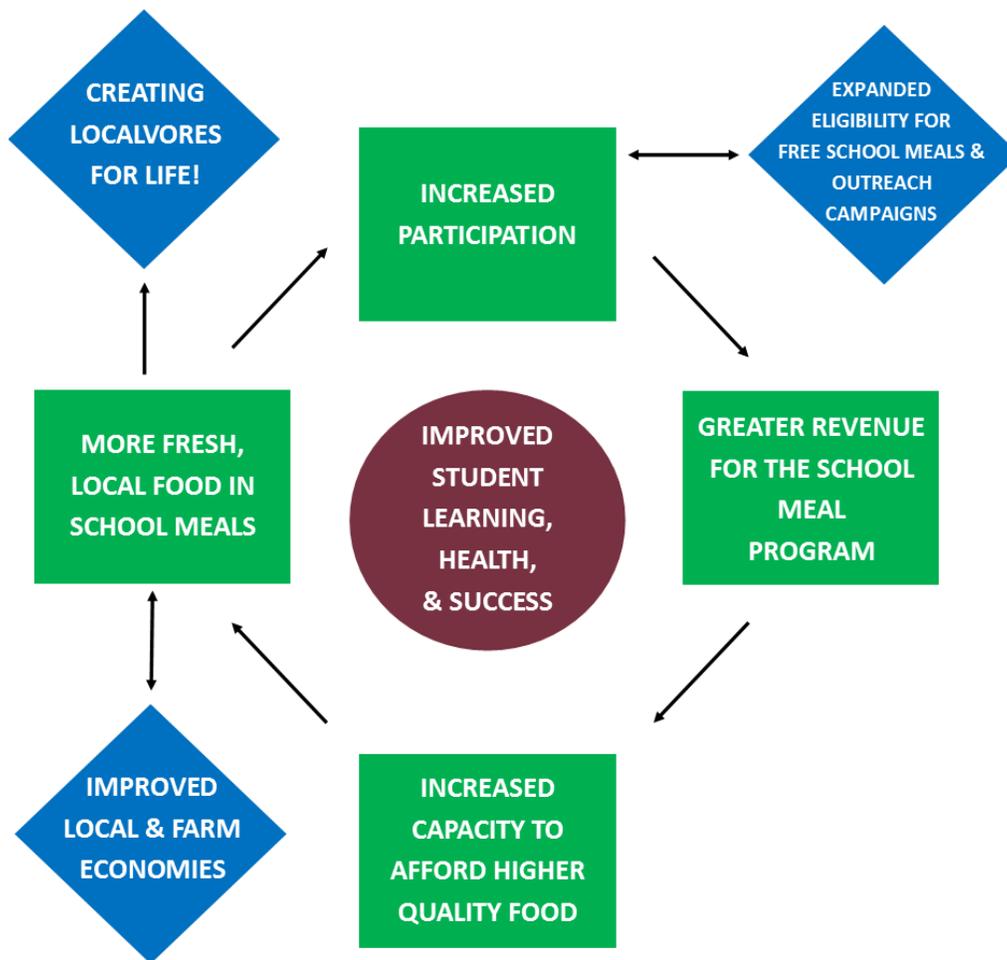
Thanks to this grant program, Hunger Free Vermont provided support to:

- St. Johnsbury School
- Currier Memorial School
- Craftsbury Elementary School and Craftsbury Academy
- Windsor State Street School and Windsor High School
- Poultney Elementary School



- In the 2017 pilot year, five schools received Universal Meals Farm to School Grants, and two schools brought along their high schools—meaning seven schools implemented at least one new universal meal program for the price of five!
- So far, **\$65,000 in State funds leveraged over \$90,000 in federal reimbursements—plus an additional \$25,000 in grants**
- **All seven schools have increased participation in at least one meal program, some by over 100%**
- **And, all seven schools increased their local food purchasing by more than 10% - in less than one year**

The Farm To School—Child Nutrition Program Virtuous Cycle Works!



- Adding fresh, local foods, and making meals universal whenever possible, improves school meal quality and student participation.
- Increased participation means school meal programs have more resources for purchasing and processing local food.
- Strong school meal programs ensure that no student goes hungry.
- Farm to School and universal meals mean all kids get better nutrition and learn to love new foods – creating localvores for life.
- Local farmers get new orders, improving farm viability and Vermont’s economy.

The Universal Meals Farm to School Pilot Grants are:

- Improving children’s nutrition & health
- Reducing child hunger
- Supporting local producers
- Strengthening local economies

