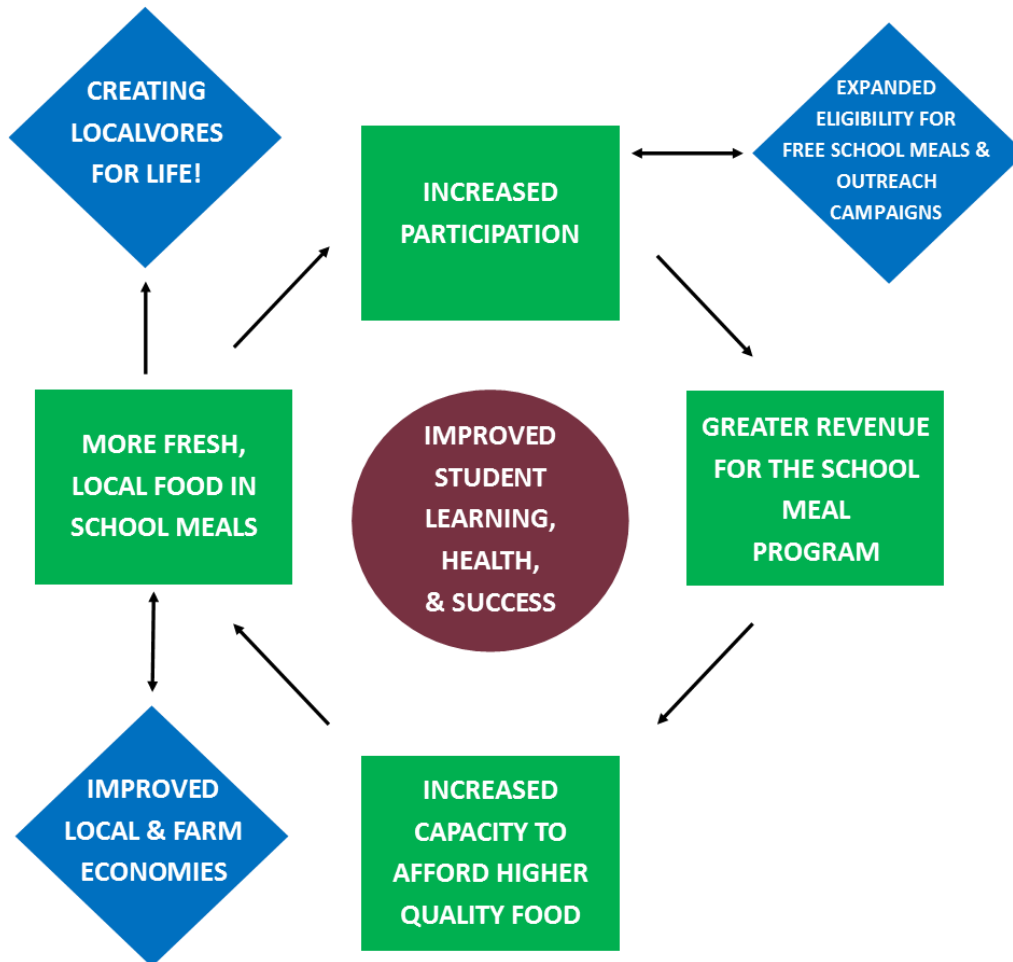


# The Farm To School–School Meal Program “Virtuous Cycle”

Improve Child Nutrition, Reduce Child Hunger  
& Strengthen Local Economies



- 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 school 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.