

**Farm to School Awareness Day**  
**January 13, 2026**

**Helpful Resources:**

[2026 Tips for Testimony](#)

[Tips for those meeting 1 on 1 with legislators](#)

[Statehouse Building Map](#) (**NOTE:** The Mezzanine has new committee rooms, including House Education, it is accessible via the staircase adjacent to the Coat Room)

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**8:00 - 9:00 AM – SNA-VT Breakfast:** SNA-VT will be in the cafeteria handing out school breakfast items and celebrating the success of Universal School Meals with legislators.

**8:30 AM – FTS Arrival:** **meet in the Statehouse Cafeteria**. The easiest place to get free parking is at the [Dep't of Labor building](#) but it is approx. 0.6 mile away, about a 10-15 min walk. Downtown parking meters (closer parking) have the ParkMobile app now. Please allow plenty of time to find parking and make your way to the State House.

**9:00 AM - 9:25 AM – Senate Agriculture Committee (25 mins) Room 28**

- Kayla Strom, Farm to Institution Program Director, Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (5min) **in person**
- Olivia Stewart and Yvonne Miceler, 12th graders at Champlain Valley Union High School (2-3 min) **in person**
- Karyl Kent, Child Nutrition Director for the Mt. Mansfield School District (5 min) **in person**
- *Farmer - TBD*
- Q/A

**10:00 AM – FTSEC Awareness Day Recognition House Floor - Balcony**

*for those available and not testifying find a seat in the balcony of the House Floor to be recognized by Representative Richard Nelson.*

**11AM - Universal School Meals Press Conference: Cedar Creek Room**

Coordinated by Hunger Free Vermont & SNA. Legislators invited to speak and share their support for USM. Speakers:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Baruth
- Other legislators who helped advocate for Universal School Meals
- Anore Horton, executive director of Hunger Free Vermont
- Kayla Strom, Farm to Institution Program Director at NOFA-VT
- Karyl Kent, SNA-Vermont
- Susan Grabowski, SNA-Vermont

**11:50 AM – 12:00 PM Senate Health and Welfare Committee Room 17**

- Dana Hudson, Shelburne Farms/Vermont Farm to School and Early Childhood Network: General Overview of FTS in VT and Legislative Requests (5 min) **in person**
- Dr. Rick Hildebrandt, Commissioner of the Department of Health (5 min) **in person**
- Q/A

**12:00 Lunch - meet with legislators and event organizers : Cafeteria**

**12:45 PM - if testifying in House Agriculture, House Education, or Senate Education committees please meet in statehouse cafeteria**

**1-2pm – House Agriculture, Food Resilience, and Forestry Committee (Room 49)**

- Kayla Strom, Farm to Institution Program Director, Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (5 mins) ***in person***
- Yvonne Miceler, 12th graders at Champlain Valley Union High School (5 mins) **in person**
- Olivia Stewart, 12th graders at Champlain Valley Union High School (5 mins) **in person**
- Ian Rose, Child Nutrition Director, Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union (5-10 mins) **in person**
- Emily Dumont, proprietor of Dumont Farm and Cattle Co, Chelsea VT (5-10 mins)
- Randy George, Red Hen Bakery, Middlesex VT (5-10 mins) **in person**
- Q/A

**1:45-2:15pm Senate & House Education Committees (30 mins) (Room 10)**

- Dana Hudson, Shelburne Farms/Vermont Farm to School and Early Childhood Network: General Overview of FTS in VT and Legislative Requests (5 min) ***in person***
- Alyson Gryzb, Director of the Bennington Early Childhood Center (5 min) **zoom**
- Julia Wulff, 11th grader at Harwood Union High School (5 min) **in person**
- Dr. Michael Leichliter, Harwood Union Unified School District Superintendent (5 min) **in person**
- Ian Rose, Child Nutrition Director, Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union (5 min) **in person**
- Q/A