

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MEETING DATE: September 10, 2020**

**FROM: Ron Little**  
Staff Support: Babre (Lou) Lewis

**AGENDA ITEM: 5.3(i)**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021 ENTITLED  
"OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL  
MONTH"**

- Action
- Consent Calendar
- First Reading
- Information
- Presentation
- Public Hearing
- Roll Call Vote  
Required

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approve Resolution No. 05-2021 acknowledging National Farm to School Month as October 2020.**

**DISCUSSION/PROGRAM:**

The United States House of Representatives established October as National Farm to School Month in 2010. Since then, October has been recognized annually to celebrate the growing importance of farm to school programs to improve child nutrition, support local economies, and educate children about the origins of food. Farm to school programs include the core elements of local procurement, school gardens, and food and agriculture education that offer far-reaching benefits to students, local farmers, and the community. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while providing new and diverse market opportunities for farmers and producers, strengthening the local economy, and contributing to vibrant and engaged communities.

The primary goal of the Farm to School Program is to promote the importance of farm to school activities in helping to improve child nutrition, support local economies and connect children and communities with the source of their food. Research into existing Farm to School programs indicates that students choose significantly more servings of fruits and vegetables when given the choice of high quality, local, fresh produce, especially when this availability is linked to an educational activity.

This month provides the opportunity to reflect on the critical role Farm to School programs play in promoting healthy eating, local foods, and more fruit and vegetable consumption both at school and at home.

**LEGAL REFERENCE: House Resolution 1655 - 111th Congress (2009-2010)**

**FISCAL IMPACT: N/A**

**MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_**

**VOTE: BEATTY \_\_\_ COUVRETTE \_\_\_ O'CONNOR-RATCLIFF \_\_\_ PATEL \_\_\_ ZANE \_\_\_** **STUDENT PREFERENTIAL VOTE: BYLSMA \_\_\_**