CATALYZING ACTION
Vermont Farm to School Network

OUR GOAL
75-50-25
75% of Vermont schools will engage students in integrated food systems education and purchase 50% local by 2025.

STRATEGIC ACTION TEAMS | GOAL | PROGRESS
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**Demonstrate the Economic Value of Farm to School (FTS)** | Evaluate the economic value of FTS. | • Identified what economic data is most important to decision makers. • Measuring economic impact of FTS in Vermont

**Demonstrate the Educational Value of FTS** | Create a stronger alignment between FTS and current priority initiatives in education. | • Conducted literature review of educational impacts of FTS • Documenting stories of impact from Vermont schools

**Make FTS Easy to Use** | Connect and coordinate FTS and sustainability functions in schools. | • Surveyed FTS coordinators to understand their roles and needs • Identifying opportunities to better support FTS coordinators

**Increase Demand for FTS** | Pass a bill in the Vermont State Legislature that would offer 50/50 matching grants to any Vermont school that purchases 25% local food and wants to provide universal school meals. | • Evaluating impact of universal school meals and expanding participation • Promoting "Breakfast after the Bell" • Researching state policy options to support FTS

**Increase Supply of Local Foods in Schools** | Increase innovation, coordination and transparency in local food production, processing and distribution. | • Developed a local food procurement tracking tool • Piloting tracking tool in school districts

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60 food system leaders participated in a systems mapping process to identify key levers of change to achieve a vision of Farm to School in every Vermont community.

35 of them joined strategic action teams to carry out projects that move us towards our goal.

Coordinating Circle

- Ryan Torres | Greater Burlington YMCA
- Steve Marinelli | Milton Town School District
- Erin Roche | University of Vermont
- Ali Zipparo | VT Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Jess Hyman | Vermont Community Garden Network
- Betsy Rosenbluth | VT FEED (NOFA-VT and Shelburne Farms)
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