

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SUPERINTENDENT DENISE JUNEAU
STATE OF MONTANA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Farm to School Programs connect Montana's K-12 schools and local farms with the goal of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias to improve student nutrition and provide educational opportunities related to agriculture, health, and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School Programs purchase local food for school meals and provide a market for local agricultural producers, bringing economic development opportunities to regional food and agricultural economies; and

WHEREAS, Montana's K-12 schools have been identified as a significant market for local and regional food products and can provide a way for local agricultural producers to grow their businesses to meet the demands of larger markets; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School Programs are expanding across the United States, with an estimated 8,900 K-12 schools participating in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School Programs are expanding across Montana's rural and urban school districts; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation designated October as national Farm to School Month for the purpose of promoting the importance of Farm to School activities among students, citizens, teachers and school administrators, state and federal agencies, and all concerned parties;

Now, Therefore, I, Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

"FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH."



Denise Juneau
Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction