

2018 MASSACHUSETTS FARM TO SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW

Our Harvest of the Month **PROGRAM** provides a framework for institutions to source and promote locally produced foods.

The program reaches over **400,000** K-12

students in **132** districts. **52%** of those students qualify for free or reduced school meals.



Expanded **POLICY** efforts.

Hosted **2nd Annual Farm to School Awareness Day**, honored school garden leaders with Kale Blazer award.

Supported bill to create a statewide Farm to School Grant Program

32 partner organizations signed on to support the bill.

15 Senators & **32** Representatives are co-sponsoring the bill.

Provided **TRAINING** on local foods procurement, promotion, and education to institutions and farmers at our biennial conference, annual farm to school institute, and through workshops & individualized technical assistance.

Presented at **23** trainings educating **2400**

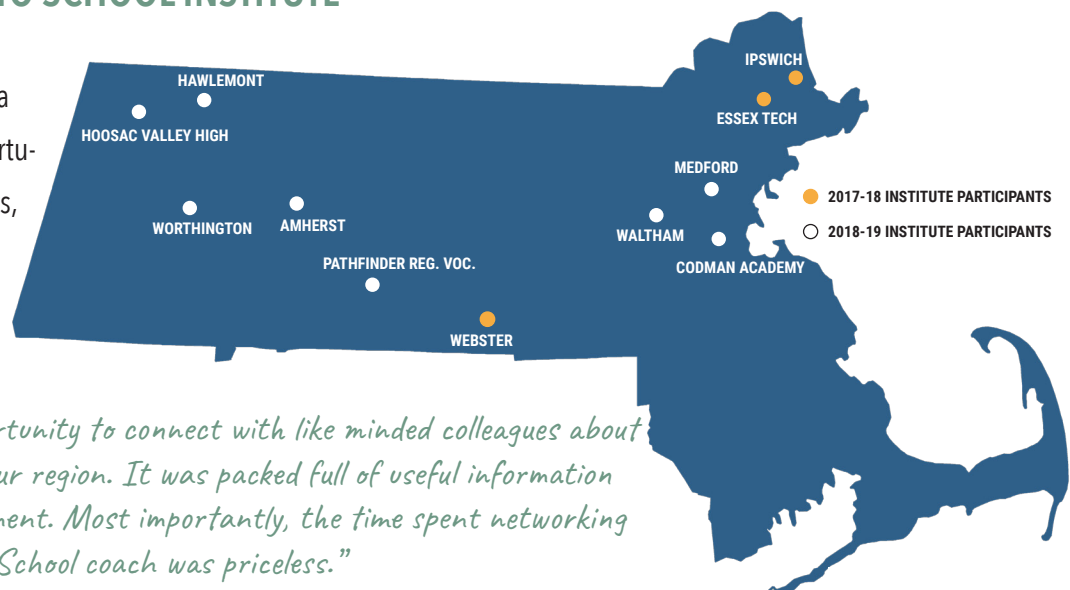


**FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS
FARMERS & PRODUCERS & FISHERMEN
EDUCATORS
POLICYMAKERS
ADVOCATES
STUDENTS**



2ND MASSACHUSETTS FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE

In the 2018-19 school year the Institute - a yearlong professional development opportunity for schools - grew to serve **8** districts, impacting **13,935** students.



"The Institute provided a unique opportunity to connect with like minded colleagues about the importance of farm to school in our region. It was packed full of useful information to bring back to our district to implement. Most importantly, the time spent networking with my Waltham team and Farm to School coach was priceless."

-April Liles, Food Service Director, Waltham Public Schools