

Madison Food Policy Council Report for March 2, 2016

Madison Metropolitan School District

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1. MMSD held a “Request for Information Farmer Meeting” on February 23, 2016. The RFI process is an effort to bring local growers into the school food market while being compliant with all USDA regulations. The goals of the meeting included:

- Make the process clear to farmers
- Provide information that allows farmers the opportunity to plan and plant ahead of time
- Increase MMSD’s purchasing of local products
- Increase opportunities for our students to benefit from local produce and educational components.

We were very pleased with the turnout and conversation at the meeting. Eleven farmers participated in the meeting. The response forms for the request for information are due on March 4, 2016.

2. Saturday lunch service was started at East High school on January 30, 2016. We are serving about 45 students who are attending Saturday class.

3. We are working on securing funding to implement at least 2 more garden bar sites this spring.