

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Buy Local Bonus Pledge

To qualify for the FFVP Buy Local Bonus, I, _____, hereby commit to featuring a local fruit or vegetable in the FFVP a total of twelve times during the 2025-26 academic year. Each featured item will be sourced from New England or New York, with no fewer than three items specifically originating from Connecticut. The selection will encompass a diverse range of local fruits and vegetables, and I will ensure that these items are promoted as local produce when served.

For accountability, I will designate these items as "Local" (Connecticut-grown) or "Regional" (grown in New England or New York) on my monthly claim. Furthermore, I will retain and maintain relevant documentation, including menus, invoices, and promotional materials, to support this commitment and ensure compliance during my next Administrative Review.

I also commit to hosting an event or activity involving locally grown food in each of the listed schools during CT Grown for CT Kids Week (CTG4CTKW) on October 6-10, 2025. I will provide the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) with the details regarding each school's CTG4CTKW activity by September 19, 2025.

Food Service Director Signature

Date

Jennifer Bove, Education Services Specialist, CSDE

Date



The following schools in _____ will be participating in the Buy Local Bonus Pledge:

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