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As a former elementary teacher in Reynolds District, I saw first hand how beneficial the Farm to School program is for students. Before it started, I faced hungry children everyday. They were constantly asking for snacks. I would have to buy boxes of graham crackers and drive out to Parkdale to buy apples from the culls bin.

After it began, there was a healthy snack everyday. The kids learned to eat all sorts of fruits and vegetables. They looked forward to it and were willing to try anything that came. There were far fewer late-morning learning slumps and behavior issues. The program made a huge difference in the quality of their experience at school.

Thank you for your attention to this life changing legislation, Lynne Nowakowski