

Grand Rapids Farm to School Workshop

Date: February 13, 2020

Venue: Blandin Foundation, 100 N Pokegama Ave., Grand Rapids, MN

Registration 9:00-9:15

Welcome 9:15-9:30 Brett Olson: Welcome and Values of Supporting Local Food

Introduction 9:30-9:45 Kara Fletcher Overview/introduction of Grand Rapids Farmers' Market Aggregation Program

Panel 9:45 – 10:45

Successful regional farmer-buyer initiatives. Learn from individuals with hands-on experience buying, selling, and/or organizing programs that use locally grown food to schools, how to get started and overcome barriers. The moderated discussion will focus on answering the questions you and identify resources to help you get started. David Abasz Facilitator/Moderator. Toni Burbie, Lynn Mizner, Jessy Goble & Jennifer Karjala confirmed will participate on the panel.

Break 10:45-10:55

Farmer-Buyer Networking 10:55 – 12:00 Brett Olson

Facilitated Farmer – School Nutrition Director/staff Networking

Buyers - Are you looking to increase local foods in your menus?

Farmers – Are you interested in supplying schools, restaurants, hospitals, and grocers?

This part of the workshop provides an easy way to make those connections.

Lunch 12:00 – 12:45 Locally-sourced lunch – informal networking continues

Resources 12:45-1:30 Hannah Colby: Food from Farms Toolkit; other resources

Breakout Sessions 1:30-2:30

Kirsten Saylor School Gardens

Ryan Pesch Pricing/Marketing for Farmers

Jane Jewett Beyond Fact & Fiction: We Know Buying Local is Legal and Encouraged

Wrap-up 2:30-2:45 Sarah Verke, Dave Abasz
Major Takeaways and Moving Forward, Priorities & Next Steps

Optional Networking, Questions, & Planning 2:45-3:30