

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging school districts to use the farm-to-
2 school concept for school meals.

3 WHEREAS, recent national supply chain disruptions are causing shortages in
4 school cafeteria foods; and

5 WHEREAS, some Kentucky school districts have found a solution in buying food
6 locally within their county, region, and across the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, this approach, called farm-to-school, provides many benefits including
8 nutritional, educational, and economical; and

9 WHEREAS, the Madison County school district, which began buying local meats
10 and vegetables several years ago, was buffered from the recent supply chain shortages;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, thanks to adopting the farm-to-school approach, the district has access
13 to the products needed to continue serving nutritious and delicious meals to its students;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm to School program
16 works to connect local farmers and small businesses with school nutrition staff to get
17 Kentucky foods into Kentucky's school systems; and

18 WHEREAS, buying local will enable schools to serve fresh, nutritious meals,
19 support local farmers and Kentucky's economy, and educate students on the value of
20 supporting local food systems; and

21 WHEREAS, during the public health and economic emergency caused by COVID-
22 19, the benefits of buying local have been magnified for school districts who have been
23 able to get the food products they need while supporting the local community;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

27 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly commends the Madison County school

1 district for adopting the farm-to-school approach and encourages all local school districts
2 to purchase locally-grown food to solve food supply issues, provide fresh, nutritious food
3 to students, and support local producers.

4 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Superintendent David Gilliam, Madison County Schools, 301
6 Highland Park Drive, Richmond, Kentucky 40475; Dr. Jim Flynn, Executive Director,
7 Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, 87 C Michael Davenport Boulevard,
8 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; and Commissioner Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Department of
9 Agriculture, 111 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.