

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 Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm to School program  
10 works to connect local farmers and small businesses with school nutrition staff to get  
11 Kentucky foods into Kentucky's school systems; and

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

15 WHEREAS, during the public health and economic emergency caused by COVID-  
16 19, the benefits of buying local have been magnified for school districts who have been  
17 able to get the food products they need while supporting the local community;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly encourages all local school districts to  
22 purchase locally-grown food to solve food supply issues, provide fresh, nutritious food to  
23 students, and support local producers.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
25 copy of this Resolution to Dr. Jim Flynn, Executive Director, Kentucky Association of  
26 School Superintendents, 87 C Michael Davenport Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
27 and Commissioner Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, 111 Corporate

- 1 Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.