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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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