



## Fund Farm to School Programs

### *Child Nutrition Reauthorization*

July 1, 2009

#### The Basics

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- The Child Nutrition Act must be reauthorized every four to five years. It includes programs and subsequent funding for WIC, the national school lunch program and others. The latest version is set to expire on September 30, 2009.
- The 2004 Child Nutrition Act included a provision on Farm to School (section 122) but it was not funded.
- In 2009, we are encouraging the Child Nutrition Reauthorization to include \$50 million in mandatory funding for farm to school (section 122).
  - This would fund 100-500 projects per year up to \$100,000 to cover start-up costs for Farm to School programs.

#### Tips on Crafting Your Message

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- Be personal, specific and brief
- Make sure you sign your letter or email with your name and address so your Congressman knows you are a voter in their district
- Include a personal story or testimony about why Farm To School is important to you
- Share a copy of your letter or email with friends and family and encourage them to take action using your example
- Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss is a ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, the key committee in drafting the Child Nutrition Act. Reach out to Senator Chambliss today.
  - *Senator Saxby Chambliss, 416 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 or 202.224.3521*

#### Resources

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[www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org)

[www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov)

<http://www.farmtoschool.org/policy/FarmToSchoolCNR.pdf>

[http://www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/campaign/time\\_for\\_lunch](http://www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/campaign/time_for_lunch)

<http://www.farmtoschool.org/policy/GFieldHearingTestimony.pdf>