

Vision

Our District ensures that all students have the nourishment they need to succeed in school, and daily opportunities to make and learn about healthy choices.

Mission

The Bellingham Farm-to-School Advisory Group supports the District's efforts to provide all children with the healthiest meals possible, and encourages the entire school community to take responsibility for helping children develop life-long healthy eating habits.

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In 2012, Bellingham Public Schools adopted **The Bellingham Promise,** our Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan.

In 2013, the Bellingham Farm-to-School Advisory Group developed a corresponding plan for Farm-to-School, which supports and furthers The Bellingham Promise.

We believe...

- All children deserve to be fed well.
- Children must be well nourished to learn and succeed in school.
- It is the responsibility of adults to offer healthy food to all students; when we offer food to children, we are endorsing that food.
- We believe children can and will make healthy food choices, given opportunities and support.
- Learning to make healthy choices reduces the risk of disease and leads to a higher quality of life.
- Incorporating food education into every topic in school (mathematics, history, English, science, etc.) helps children integrate what they learn into their lives.
- The cafeteria is an integral part of the school's learning environment.
- The staff who work in our cafeterias are valued professionals who deserve support, training, and appreciation for their important work.
- Every meal is a learning opportunity.

Bellingham **Farm-to-School Promise**

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FARM-TO-SCHOOL ADVISORY GROUP



Bellingham Public Schools
District Vision

We, as a community, make a collective commitment to Bellingham's children. We will empower every child to discover and develop a passion, contribute to their community, and achieve a fulfilling and productive life. (Policy E-1)



Key Strategies





Innovation and Flexibility

We seek continuous improvement and encourage the leadership and creativity of students, parents, teachers, and staff.

Early Childhood Education

We are committed to offering children wholesome and positive food experiences from the moment they enter our schools.

Great Teaching with Strong Support

We create a healthy school community by building the relationship among Food Services, teachers, and staff. Food Services ensure that students are well-nourished and ready to learn. Teachers and staff ensure that students are able and ready to make healthy food choices.

One Schoolhouse Approach

We offer healthy food and food education to every student, throughout the school day and their school career.

Student, Family and Community Engagement

We involve our whole community in promoting the health and wellness of our students.

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