School food programs (SFPs) exist coast to coast to coast in Canada, but there is more room left at the table. There is an inequitable access to SFPs and provincial and territorial funding often only covers 25% or less of the cost. There is a huge opportunity to bring the "farm-to-school" model in to support both our agri-food sector and students.

WHAT’S NEXT?
Pre-pandemic, there was already inequitable access to school food programs across Canada. In 2019, the Government of Canada pledged it would “work with the provinces and territories towards a National School Food Program”. It’s time to work together to expand programming, monitor progress, and explore how to bring the ‘farm-to-school’, in collaboration with ministries of agriculture across Canada.