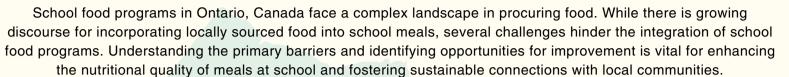


School Food Program in Ontario

Overcoming Barriers for Local Food Procurement







Barriers of Procurement & Distribution Logistics



- RULES
- · Food safety regulations
- Labeling requirements
- · Certification standards

4 Infrastructure & Storage



- Limited capacity for storing local perishable foods
- Absence of refrigeration or storage facilities
- · Unavailable kitchen facilities



Budgetary Constraints

- Expensive for smaller-scale production
- Higher transportation costs



Coordination & Communication



- Local producers, distributors & school food services lack coordination
- Limited communication between schools and local farms

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Limited Supplier Networks

- Dependence on centralized systems
- Limited local suppliers



6 Preference & Menu Planning



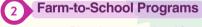
- Inadequate food options for school program
- · Absence of nutritional guidelines
- Lack of understanding student preferences

Opportunities for School Food Program

1 Local Food Procurement Policies



- Supportive framework for local food sourcing
- · Policies prioritizing local producers
- Incentives for purchasing local products





- Directly connect local farmers
- Awareness of local food availability for community members
- Provide educational opportunities for students

3 Food Hubs & Distribution Networks



- Establishing regional food hubs for efficient processing, storage & distribution
- Establishing efficiencies in transportation costs & logistics

4 Collaborative Partnerships



- · Collaborate with stakeholders
- Share resources for sustainable procurement & economics of scale

5 Capacity Building & Training



- Empowering school staff for improved food service
- · Educating staff & students



Public Awareness & Engagement



- Increase awareness of the benefits of local food in school meals
- Engage parents, students & community with local food systems







