

Dear School Cafeteria and Farm to School Leaders,

The **Upper Valley Farm to School Network**, in conjunction with **Vermont FEED**, invite you to join the:

Upper Valley Farm to Cafeteria Working Group
Wednesday, January 20th, 2010
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock, VT.

Please SAVE THE DATE - AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD.

The afternoon will be focused on developing strategies to common barriers and challenges that school lunch programs face in working to integrate local food into their school lunch offerings.

The "working group" session will include a combination of success stories shared by cafeteria staff in the Upper Valley, and opportunities for all participants to work on developing solutions in their kitchens. There will also be sample cafeteria equipment and informational resources on hand. And, we will - as always - jointly prepare and enjoy a delicious, local, light meal.

We are fortunate to have Abbie Nelson, the Director of Vermont FEED, joining us for the afternoon. As many of you know, Abbie has worked with scores of school lunch programs around the state and is seen as a national leader in bringing the "farm to the cafeteria."

Please RSVP by **January 7th** if possible so that we can plan the day accordingly. We will be sending each person who is planning to come a short - 2 question - questionnaire to help guide our session.

Looking forward to hearing from you by **January 7th** - and seeing you on **January 20th.**

Happy Holidays,

Peter Allison

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