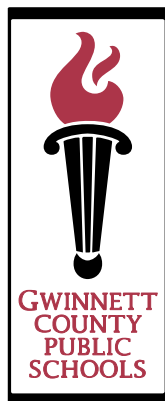


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## **Gwinnett School Nutrition Program honored for Farm to School initiative**

### **Gwinnett County Public Schools**

(GCPS) has been recognized for its efforts to provide farm-fresh food to students. **Georgia Organics, a non-profit organization** devoted to promoting sustainable foods and local farms in Georgia, has named GCPS as a **Gold Level Golden Radish Award** winner. The Golden Radish Award publicly recognizes school districts for all aspects of farm to school, from local food procurement to hosting taste tests and gardening with students.

### **Karen Hallford, GCPS executive**

director of School Nutrition, says the award validates the school district's commitment to providing fresh locally produced food to students. She adds, "Farm to School is a very important part of our School Nutrition Program and we are thrilled to have it recognized once again with a Gold Level, Golden Radish Award. Our Farm to School Program is more than just local food procurement, we incorporate those local foods into our menus regularly, we host taste tests for our students, and support student gardening by preparing the harvest in our kitchens so that our students can see the entire process from seed to plate. We are honored to be recognized for our efforts."

This award evaluates school districts on their work in 10 different activities of farm to school. GCPS is one of 39 school districts across the state honored for its commitment to farm to school.



*Gwinnett School Nutrition team members accepting the district's Golden Radish Award on behalf of the district.*

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