WI FARM TO SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Wisconsin Farm to School Advisory Council is looking for people interested in Farm to School development in Wisconsin and willing to commit some time and energy to helping it grow. We are seeking individuals with strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills who are willing to share their opinions and perspectives and collaborate on activities to advance WI Farm to School.

Nominations are being accepted for three (3) seats on the 11-15 member Council, including a Farmer, Organization, Child Health and/or At Large seat. The Council meets quarterly to guide the development of Farm to School programs for Wisconsin farms, supply chain businesses, schools, early childcare and college campuses as well as provide input on state and federal policy that affect organic agriculture.

Council members serve three-year terms. Application materials are available on the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Farm to School webpage or from Farm to School Coordinator April Yancer at april.yancer@wi.gov Applications are due on or before August 30, 2020 and should be emailed to April Yancer.

Advisory Council purpose, structure, and function:
- The purpose of the Council is to provide guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Governor, the Legislature, and other state and federal agencies on actions that can be taken to further Wisconsin Farm to School initiatives.
- The Council consists of 11-15 people:
  - 1 or more farmers
  - 3 Agencies: DATCP, DHS, DPI
  - 3 Child Health
  - 3 Organizations
  - 2 School Food Service Professionals
  - Standing seat for president of the WI School Nutrition Association
  - At-large members.
- Member terms are on a three-year rotating basis, with four members going off each year. Members may serve more than one term.
- The Council conducts its business primarily via quarterly all-day meetings, email and conference calls.

Nomination process:
- Fill out the nomination form (making sure the person you nominate is notified and is willing to serve), or self-nominate.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation from people who support this person’s nomination.
- Send to April Yancer at april.yancer@wi.gov
- Nominees will be evaluated by a nominating committee and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture Board.
- Selected nominees will be seated at the October, 2020 meeting of the Farm to School Advisory Council.
- Visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/FarmToSchool.aspx for application materials. Contact April Yancer at april.yancer@wi.gov for more information.