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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

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DATE: October 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Farm-to-School Survey

Virginia Tech received a grant from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to conduct research related to the Virginia Farm-to-School programs. The researchers at Virginia Tech are Matt Benson and Kim Niewolny. Part of this research is a survey for School Nutrition Directors to complete in order to gather data related to initiatives, activities, and perceptions from the school divisions.

Your cooperation in completing this short online survey is encouraged and appreciated. Participation in this survey is voluntary. The information will provide vital data to strengthen this growing initiative and to develop the necessary tools to help school divisions incorporate Farm-to-School activities in their school nutrition programs. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

To complete the online survey, please click the following link:
https://www.research.net/s/VAFarmtoSchool_2.

Please complete the survey by November 4, 2011.

Results of this survey will be shared with everyone once they are tabulated. Information provided in the survey questions will not be shared with any business or other institution.

For additional information about the specific survey questions, contact Matt Benson at (540) 522-0762 or mcbenson@vt.edu or Kim Niewolny (540) 231-5784 or niewolny@vt.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nutrition specialist assigned to your division or the School Nutrition Programs Office at (804) 225-2074.

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