



To: Harlem Board of Education  
Joshua Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

From: Jamie Carollo, Director of Food Services

Date: November 13, 2024

Re: The Common Market & LFS (Local Foods to School Funds)

Harlem was awarded a Local Foods to Schools Grant for \$21,217.00 for purchasing local food items. These funds need to be spent on minimally processed items such as fruits and vegetables, grains, meats, and/or dairy from locally grown socially disadvantaged farmers/producers and/or small businesses within 400 miles of our schools.

The Common Market is a nonprofit organization that focuses on getting local farmers' products into restaurants and schools. Since 2008, they have distributed local foods from over 300 small family farms and producers to over 1,800 institutions.

In signing this contract, we will become a partner in getting these local foods into our schools for our students and helping our area farmers.