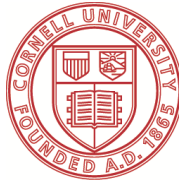




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BOCES, Local School Districts to Participate in New York Food Day

Sept. 14, 2023 (New Hartford, N.Y.) – Sixteen local school districts and the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES will participate in New York Food Day on Thursday, September 14, 2023. School kitchens will serve a menu featuring New York grown, processed and produced items.

This is the first New York Food Day of the school year for OHM BOCES Food Service Program, and the first of its kind in the Utica City Schools. The OHM BOCES Food Service has purchased and featured New York State foods on its menus since 2010. New York Foods and special event days will be offered in additional local districts through this school year as a result of a new, cooperative management service agreement between the OHM BOCES and the Utica CSD, as well as a Farm to School Grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Oneida County. The Farm to School Mohawk Valley partnership between the OHM BOCES and CCE of Oneida County exists to promote Farm to School meals and New York State food procurement in local school districts.

The menu for the day will feature local, all-beef hot dogs; New York State corn on the cob, watermelon and milk; and New York-grown and certified chocolate chip cookies, made in Waterville.

“Supporting New York State agriculture and giving students an opportunity to eat locally grown food continues to be a priority of the OHM BOCES Food Service,” said Director of Shared Food Services Kate Dorr. “We are excited to collaborate with Utica City Schools and hope to engage other local districts in additional cooperative services and Farm to School opportunities in the near future.”

Partnering farms and businesses include Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County, Headwater Food Hub, Roc Star Ice Cream & Eatery, Smith Packing Company, Russo Produce Company and Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.

What: **New York Food Day**

When & Where: Thursday, September 14, 2023, during lunch periods
OHM BOCES - Middle Settlement Rd and Lincoln Ave
Brookfield CSD
Clinton CSD
Frankfort-Schuyler CSD
Herkimer CSD
Mt. Markham CSD
New York Mills UFSD
New Hartford CSD

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