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Concrete Farm to School (F2S), is helping build resilient students and families by increasing access to healthy, local food through hands-on learning experiences with its production and consumption in the classroom, cafeteria, and community.

Many of our youth struggle with the far-reaching effects of both food insecurity and malnutrition, with 63% of Concrete School District students receiving free or reduced price lunches. Concrete F2S programs are designed with the belief that strengthening students' connection to local food production and preparation has immense positive impacts, not only for their health, but also for their personal, academic, and community life.

The Concrete community has warmly embraced F2S efforts over the last three years. Building on this momentum, our next big step is renovating our Kitchen Classroom to make it fully functional for hands-on, participatory learning. Changes such as updated appliances that meet health code regulations, multiple work stations with portable stovetops, a fully-functional demonstration kitchen, and improved flow and storage, will allow us to expand programming and maximize our community impact.

Concrete Farm to School is seeking in-kind and cash donations with the goal of raising necessary funds and materials by the end of March, and completing the renovation by the end of May 2017. By contributing to this classroom renovation, you will become an instrumental partner with Farm to School in providing a much needed space for community engagement around issues of healthy eating and family wellness in the upper Skagit Valley.

Please consider joining with other individuals, businesses, and community organizations to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$20,000. You can donate online by following the link posted on our "Concrete Farm to School" Facebook page, and on the Concrete School District website home page. Checks can be made out to Foundation of District 304, with "Farm to School Kitchen Classroom" in the memo line.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Handwritten signatures of Rachel Sacco and Adele Eslinger in black ink.

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