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## **Salem Farmers Celebrate Farm-to-School Expansion**

*Rep. Evans speaks to farmers on National Food Day at Urban Agfest*

SALEM – Rep. Paul Evans (D-Monmouth) addressed farmers, educators, and local business leaders today at Parrish Middle School for Urban Agfest. The event, held on National Food Day, celebrated the expansion of Oregon’s Farm-to-School program through House Bill 5507.

Begun in 2007, the Farm-to-School program helps schools afford to purchase local fruits and vegetables for school lunches. With House Bill 5507, the program has expanded from serving 19 school districts to every K-12 school in the state. The program and its expansion have been a top priority for Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem).

“Today is a celebration of community, of building a community one seed, one garden, one relationship at a time. Farm-to-School isn’t just about healthier children and smart, sustainable economics; it’s about our future,” says Rep. Evans.

Rep. Evans was joined at the event by the Principal of Parrish Middle School, Dustin Purnell, Oregon Department of Agriculture Farm-to-School Manager Amy Gilroy, Truitt Family Foods Director of Sales and Marketing Rod Friesen and many others.



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