



Mid Year Gathering | January 2023

Advisory Team + Partnerships



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Agenda

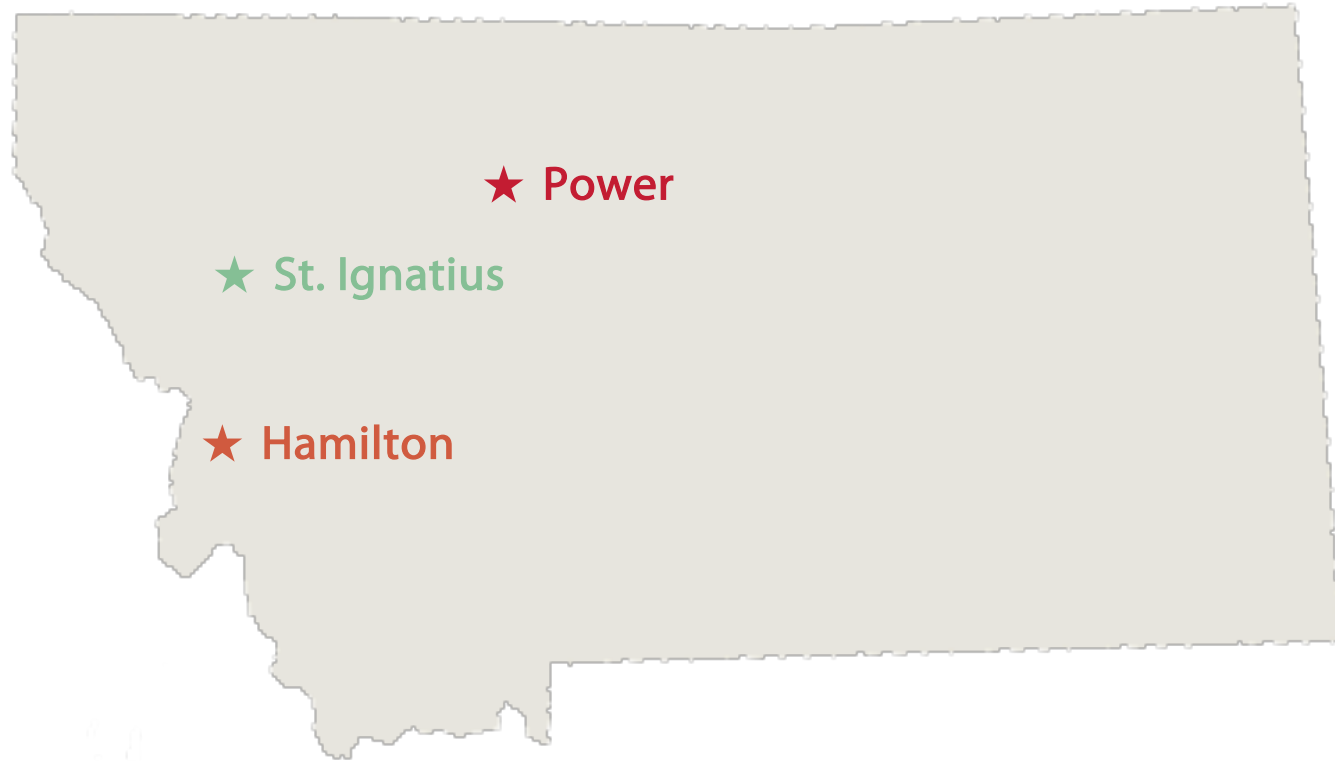
3:30 – 3:35PM Welcome

3:35 – 4:05PM School Team Updates
(8 min each + 2 min question each)

4:05 – 4:20PM Local Procurement Training + Discussion

4:20 – 4:30PM Timeline, Evaluation, Requirements, Discussion

School Team Updates



Local Food Funding

Supply Chain Assistance

- 2nd Disbursement sent to schools December 2022
- OPI Solicitations
 - MT Beef
 - MT Lentils

Local Food for Schools

- Grants for schools – to open soon!
- OPI solicitation of MT flour
- Subgrant for distributing MT dry goods

Connection Events



Abundant Connections

- Virtual
- Feb 13-19
- Registration open until Jan 20



Local Procurement Trainings + Connection

- In-person
- 3 held 2023
 - March 2023: Hardin
- Registration not open

Other Events



Montana Farm to School Producer Training

- Reopening registration
- Rescheduling session 3
 - March 2023: Hardin



Harvest of the Month Workshops

- 3 in 2023
 - Gardiner: April 21, 2023
 - Helena: August 2023
 - Polson: Fall 2023



Accessing Resources

<https://www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/Institute-teams.html>

Sprouting Success

August 2022-Sept 2022	Share Plan, Gather Input, Grow Team
August 2022-May 2023	Farm to School Action Plan Implementation
August 2022-May 2023	Coach/Team Relationship Check-in
August 2022-June 2023	Quarterly Coach Calls (Virtual)
January 2023	Mid-Year Gathering (Virtual)
February 2023	Buyer/Producer Connection Event (Virtual)
May 2023	End of Year Reflection Gathering
May 2023	Post-Assessments

Post Assessments

Individual

- Role
- F2S engagement
- F2S partnerships

Team

- F2S activities
- Total food budget for school meals
- Spending on local foods
- School gardens
- F2S policies
- # children reached
- Staff and community members involved



Discussion + Questions