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The Farm to School program has been an avenue for all children and their families in Klamath County. Klamath County School District Farm to School has been able to bridge the gap between producers and consumers, with procuring from local farmers and ranchers and implementing Farm to School curriculum in all K-6th grade classrooms. This program allows us to educate kids on local agriculture, while allowing them to consume fresh produce and proteins from ranchers from the Klamath Basin and all throughout Oregon. This year, KCSD Farm to School has procured enough locally grown beef and potatoes to serve in all county schools, so all beef and potatoes are locally grown and raised. KCSD currently has 18 on-boarded producers, and each month we feature food from one of these producers, as an entree, side, tasting, or even on the salad line. Along with our featured food, we send out a curriculum that correlates to the food we are serving that month and the producer from which it came from. We believe it is important for kids to understand where food comes from, how it's grown and raised, and what a better way than through a program like Farm to School.