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## Farm to School Program hosts 'Local Greens Taste Test' on Oct. 24

(Fairbanks, AK) –Randy Smith Middle School students in Fairbanks will have a chance to pick a favorite recipe made with locally-grown greens during a 'Local Greens Taste Test' on Oct. 24. The event, hosted by the Division of Agriculture's Farm to School Program in honor of National Farm to School Month, will feature two greens recipes developed in collaboration with the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Cooperative Extension Service.

Reporters are invited to join the taste test from 12-12:30 p.m. at the middle school. Students will vote for their favorite dish and submit ideas for naming it. Also during the event, Bill Johnson of Johnson Family Farms will meet with the students to talk about growing greens in Alaska and their nutritional benefits. Following the vote, Amy Rouse, Director of Nutrition Services for Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, will add the winning recipe and name to the district school lunch menu.

For more information about this event, please contact the Division of Agriculture's Farm to School Program Coordinator Johanna Herron at 907-374-3714 or <a href="mailto:johanna.herron@alasksa.gov">johanna.herron@alasksa.gov</a>.

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