

Why Choose Local?

"Fueling the Future of Our Students"



**Weld County School District 6
Nutrition Services**



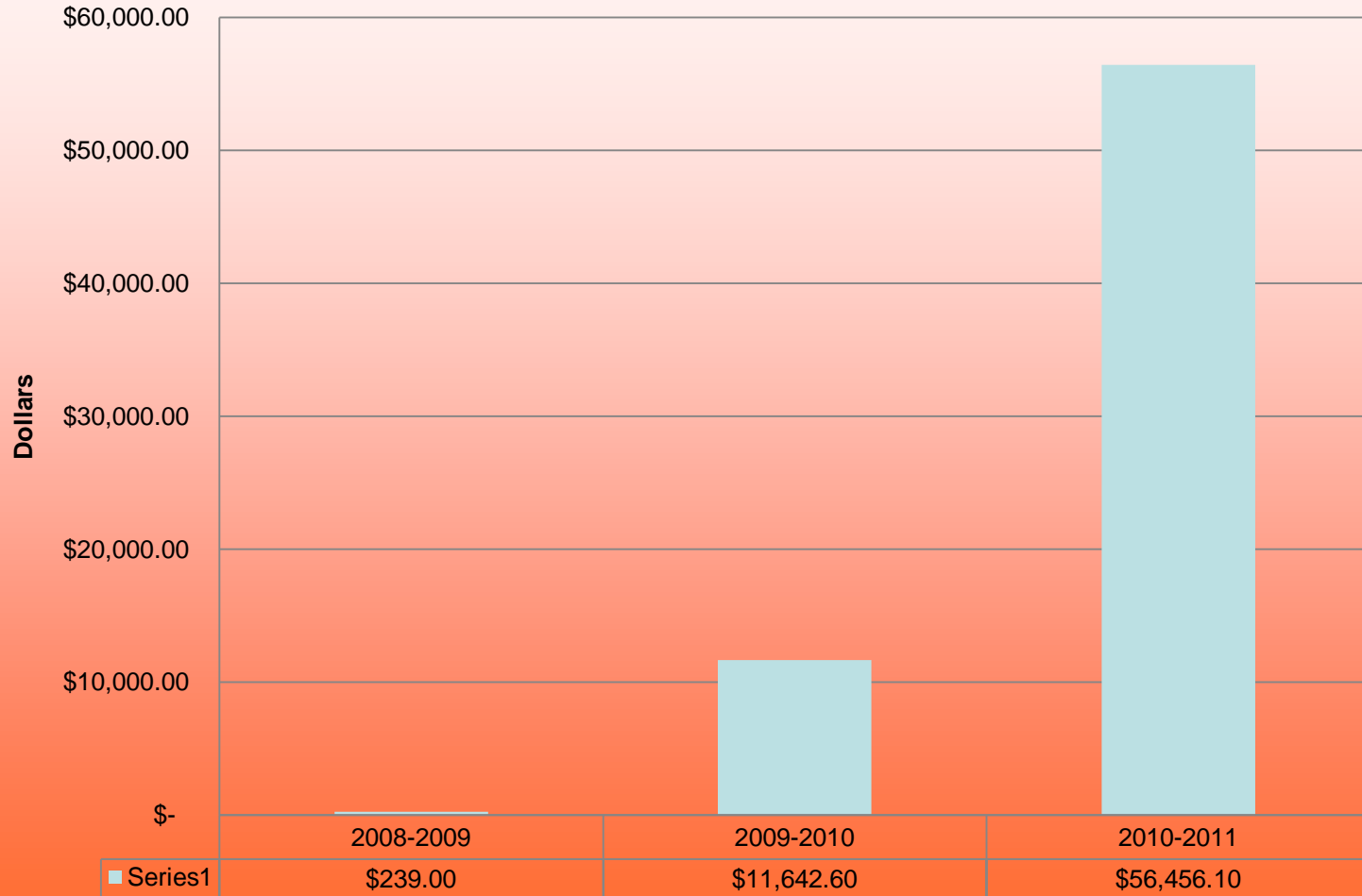
What is Local Purchasing?

USDA's definition of "Local" is within a 400 mile radius.

Must be competitively bid and satisfy all federal procurement regulations

F2S Purchasing History

D6 Farm to School Purchases





What Worked Well?

- **Menu Plan for F2S foods.**
- **Whole Fruits (Apples, Oranges, Pears)**
- **Applesauce**
- **Corn on the Cob**
- **Melons**
- **Tomatoes**
- **Cucumbers**
- **Milk**

What are the Challenges?

- **Leafy Greens**
- **Shipping Containers**
- **Extra work on Buyers**
- **Communication**



What is Driving F2S growth?

- **USDA Ruling in 2008 allowing schools to site geographical preference in bids**
- **Resources Available-**
 - **Toolkits, Websites, Templates**
- **More interest from Schools and the Growing Community**
- **National Focus on Child Nutrition reform**



What Could be procured from Local Producers?

- **Focus on unprocessed agricultural products.**
- **Produce-** Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs
- **Proteins-** Beef, Chicken, Eggs
- **Dairy-** Pasteurized Milk, Yogurt
- **Grain Products-** Breads, Buns, tortillas
- **Sauces/Seasonings-** BBQ, Dressings, Salsa, Seasoning Blends



Why Purchase Locally?

- Supports local economy- Good PR
- Community Pressure
- Higher Nutritive Value
- Shorter supply chain
- Ability to Inspect Producer
- Seeking less processed, whole foods
- Good for Nutrition Education



Thank You!

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