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### **Immediate Release**

October is National Farm to School Month and school districts across the nation are focusing their efforts to offer fresh locally grown foods in their school cafeterias. While Florida's growing season is just getting started, Palm Beach County has continued their proactive approach to procuring locally grown produce since August. Some of the locally grown produce offered already this school year includes: corn cobbettes, green beans and mini sweet peppers. This week we are excited to announce that more than 400 cases of Florida oranges are being distributed to schools across the county. This one purchase is more than 50,000 servings! The oranges are being purchased from a Florida citrus co-op which is partnering with farms from Hendry, Hardee and Putnam Counties.