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Statewide Chefs Support Local Foods in Schools

Picture school lunchrooms serving fresh fruits and vegetables right from a local farm. Or students visiting farms or farmers' markets and actually choosing fresh whole foods over heavily processed and packaged "junk foods." The Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch project is a program working to bring just these kinds of changes to students in our schools.

On June 24th, L'Etoile Restaurant in Madison will host a Chefs' Tasting Dinner to benefit Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch.

Tory Miller, co-owner and chef of L'Etoile has invited four of his colleagues to show off their talents in this fundraising event.

The six-course "Chefs' Tasting Dinner" will include dishes prepared by Tory and other featured chefs: Sandy D'Amato from Sanford's Restaurant in Milwaukee, Oconomowoc Lake Club Chef Jack Kaestner, Nathan Berg from Native Bay Restaurant in Chippewa Falls, and Justin Carlisle from Harvest Restaurant in Madison. The evening's delights will also include an artisanal cheese tasting plate to celebrate June as National Dairy Month.

"I've been honored to work with Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch in a program teaching middle school students how to enjoy and prepare local foods. This dinner is one more way for the chef community to support this important work," said Tory Miller of L'Etoile.

The dinner price will be \$95 per person with all proceeds donated to Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch. Optional wine flights will be available. (Beverages, tax and gratuity are not included.)

"We couldn't be more grateful for this extremely generous gift from Tory and the other chefs to donate their time and talent to support our Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch project," said Miriam Grunes, REAP Food Group's Executive Director. "This is going to be one incredible meal. What a delicious way to raise money to benefit both our kids and farming community!"

Seating at the dinner is limited. Reservations can be made by calling L'Etoile at 608-251-0500.

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