

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FARM PRODUCT" MEANS ANY AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, VEGETABLE, FRUIT PRODUCT, WHETHER RAW, CANNED, FROZEN, DRIED, PICKLED, OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED, LIVESTOCK, MEATS, MARINE FOOD PRODUCTS, POULTRY, EGGS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, NUTS, HONEY, AND EVERY EDIBLE PRODUCT OF FARM, ORCHARD, GARDEN, OR WATER.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

(1) PROMOTING THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS GROWN IN THE STATE TO ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ~~AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;~~

(2) SOLICITING FARMERS TO SELL THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES;~~

(3) DEVELOPING AND REGULARLY UPDATING A DATABASE OF FARMERS INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~, INCLUDING THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF FARM PRODUCTS THE FARMERS WANT TO SELL AND THE TIME PERIODS THAT THE FARMERS WANT TO SELL;

(4) FACILITATING PURCHASES FROM FARMERS BY INTERESTED ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS ~~AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;~~ AND

(5) PROVIDING OUTREACH AND GUIDANCE TO FARMERS CONCERNING THE VALUE OF AND PROCEDURE FOR SELLING THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO INTERESTED ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.~~

(D) (1) THE PROGRAM, IN ~~CONSULTATION~~ PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ~~THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,~~ AND IN CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS, AND INTERESTED FARMING ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL ESTABLISH PROMOTIONAL EVENTS THAT