



*Lunch is served! Lunch for the day featured fishcake sandwiches developed by CCPS Food Services to make use of blue catfish – an invasive species and abundant local resource.*

## Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week

MARO Regional Administrator Dr. Patty Bennett joined Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder Oct. 12 for a celebration of Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week and Farm to School in Greensboro, Maryland. The Caroline County Public Schools were featured in this year's event for their innovative work with the students and the community.

Highlights included taste tests of locally produced meats and vegetables for students -often featuring foods prepared by the district culinary students, a lunch featuring a CCPS-developed tasty fishcake recipe that meets USDA nutrition standards and makes use of a fish species invasive to local waters and invasive species school, and a visit to their mobile farmers market bus.

*(Left) Krystal Algier from the Caroline County Health Department demonstrates using the power of the pedal to make some pumpkin hummus for taste testing.*

*(Lower Left) A Caroline Culinary Arts student talks to Greensboro Elementary School Kindergartners about cucumbers and other veggies while they sample some homemade ranch.*

*(Below) CCPS Supervisor of Food Services Shows MARO RA Dr. Patty Bennett the Mobile Farmers Market bus that travels to different areas around the county offering produce and meats to the community.*

