



Slips to Chips & Microgreens

School Food Infrastructure Fund, 2025-26

Farm to Cafeteria Canada

This dual project is taking place in up to 11 Toronto District School Board schools, each of which will receive the necessary infrastructure to grow sweet potatoes in 2026, and to grow out Pea Shoots indoors in winter starting January 2026 with enough seed for the year. We are grateful to Durward Anthony, Nutrition Officer for Learning Centre 3 in Toronto District School Board, for supporting the project with contacts and relationships. Each school is unique, of course, but this project aims to supply infrastructure that will be valued for many years. All of the schools are in the top quartile of need, based on the Learning Opportunities Index at TDSB.

Also visit our blog:

<https://www.greenthumbsto.org/post/school-food-infrastructure-funded>

From Slip to Chip



As this Instagram story tells, the choice of Sweet Potatoes for school gardens is because of their excellent timing. Plant in June, water well, leave for the summer, harvest in October! They are very cross-cultural. The slips were grown in Ontario, even though this is a tropical plant usually sourced by farmers from the USA. Vineland Research Station developed this Ontario variety called Radiance.



Picking up 1,000 Sweet Potato Slips from Dr. Primomo



Left: Tristan Andrews, staff at Green Thumbs who's grown Sweet Potatoes in his Regent Park yard for 3 years. Video: <https://youtube.com/shorts/ReYydxOUk8Q>

Right: Eastdale CI students planting the slips



Eastdale CI 4th floor Rooftop
growing Sweet Potato vines



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JW00H2K8mbk>

Sunday Harrison, Chef-Teacher Sean Meikle, Gary Hoyer,
and Dr. Valerio Primomo on October 16, 2025, harvest day







Delivering Air Fryer and Food Processor/Slicer to Eastdale CI

Microgreens Project – schools get a lights unit, seed & grow media



**Speckled Pea Seed – Certified organic available from Mumm's.
<https://sprouting.com>. This is the most popular microgreen
among children and youth that we have found.**





Eastdale CI Co-op students running Pea Shoot planting activity.



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