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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR TO CONNECT FPS MENTAL-HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Fargo Public Schools' school-based mental health professionals will connect with local mental-health professionals on Thursday to learn how to better help the District's students and families.

WHAT: Community Resource Fair
WHEN: **Thursday, August 24** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
WHERE: North High School, 801 17th Avenue North, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Jennifer Sahr**, FPS Assistant Director of Educational Justice,
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Fargo Public Schools is hosting about 30 local mental-health providers to meet with its school-based mental-health professionals at the Community Resource Fair from 10-11:30 a.m. on Thursday at North High School.

The District's counselors, social workers, school psychologists and other mental-health professionals will visit with the outside mental-health providers about the services they provide in the community. They will work with these organizations to connect students and families to community resources to reduce barriers and improve access to education. This event helps create awareness for FPS mental-health professionals of what resources are available in the community.

Visiting organizations include Fargo Cass Public Health, Great Plains Food Bank, Hospice, Prairie St. John's, Youthworks, The Salvation Army, Southeast Human Service Center, North Dakota Autism Center, and many more. From these representatives, District mental-health professionals will learn about available resources related to mental health, food instability, housing insecurity, grief support, chemical health, substance abuse, and more.

Each community provider has submitted a short video briefly explaining their missions, services, and target population. FPS staff will view this video before attending the Community Resource Fair, which will help them be prepared for specific conversations they would like to have with the providers in attendance.

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