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**MEDIA ALERT** – Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **FPS CELEBRATING START OF 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR WITH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Fargo Public Schools' students, parents, and staff are ready to party in the park to celebrate the start of another school year.

**WHAT:** Back to School Bash  
**WHEN:** **Thursday, September 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**WHERE:** Dill Hill Park, 652 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
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In celebration of the start of the 2023-24 school year, Fargo Public Schools is throwing a Back to School Bash for students, parents and staff from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, September 7 at Dill Hill Park, just north of the FPS District Office and south of Island Park. The Back to School Bash will feature free food, music, games, giveaways, and fun activities for the whole family.

More than 1,000 people attended the first Back to School Bash last year, and even more are expected for the second year of the Bash. To accommodate more people, the party has moved from the FPS District Office to the nearby park and supplies for 2,000 meals have been ordered.

A free meal, consisting of all beef hot dog or hamburger, chips, cookie, and diet soda or bottled water, will be served until supplies run out. There will be music provided by a DJ; dunk tank; bouncy houses; informational booths run by FPS organizations and outside programs; and prize giveaways throughout the evening. Prizes will include gift cards, school supplies, small electronics, and a grand prize of a TV. The Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation provided funding for the prizes.

More than 30 organizations will be hosting booths, including Youthworks, Skill Cutz Barber Shop, Fargo/West Fargo Native American Education, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, Great Plains Food Bank, Gasper's School of Dance, Sanford Ambulance, and more.

Parking will be available for attendees in the Fargo Public Schools District Office parking lot and the surrounding streets.

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