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MEDIA ALERT – Thursday, September 7, 2023
Fargo Public School District #1

BEYOND THE BOOKS GIVING DAY AIMS TO HELP STUDENTS IN NEED

The Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation and the United Way of Cass-Clay are partnering to help the students of Fargo Public Schools.

WHAT: Beyond the Books Giving Day
WHEN: **Wednesday, September 20**
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Fargo Public Schools has many students in need. There are students without access to enough food; consistent, safe places to sleep; or strong mentors in their lives. Helping students overcome these challenges is a bigger problem than one person can undertake alone. To help these students in need, the Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation and the United Way of Cass-Clay are hosting the Beyond the Books Giving Day on Wednesday, September 20 with a goal of raising \$10,000.

The giving day aims to ensure that the needs of Fargo Public Schools' students and their families are met through these two supporting entities so that they can find success in the classroom and beyond. Individuals in the community are invited to donate online to help support the students of Fargo Public Schools through the [FPS Development Foundation donation portal](#) or through the [United Way of Cass-Clay donation portal](#).

A donation to the FPS Development Foundation of \$20 provides eight elementary school lunches or seven middle school or high school lunches, \$32 pays for milk for one student for one semester, \$33 provides 20 pounds of food and basic needs supplies for school food pantries, and \$50 provides snack for a year for one student. A donation to United Way of Cass-Clay of \$20 provides on child with a backpack of school supplies, \$50 provides a family two nights of stable housing, and \$100 provides one student with food for every weekend for a year.

The United Way of Cass-Clay and the Fargo Public Schools Foundation both understand the needs of young people in the community of Fargo and its schools. They are both working to find long-term solutions that create a path to success for students.

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