

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MEDIA ALERT – Monday, December 18, 2023 Fargo Public School District #1

## NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO LEARN IMPORTANCE OF BELONGINGNESS AT ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, students at North High School will learn a lesson about the importance of feeling like they belong, how they can help their peers' sense of belonging, and give input on how the school can help them feel like they belong.

WHAT:	North Belongingness Assembly
WHEN:	Wednesday, December 20, assembly from 1:20 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.; classroom
	conversations from 1:55 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
WHERE:	North High School, 801 17th Avenue North, Fargo
CONTACT:	Travis Christensen, North principal, <u>christt@fargo.k12.nd.us</u> or 701.446.2404 for
	more information.

North High School is hosting an all-school assembly on Wednesday centering on the topic of "belongingness," featuring guest speaker FPS Director of Educational Justice Tristan Love. The assembly will be followed by classroom conversations about how each individual can positively impact the belongingness of others and an opportunity for students to provide feedback on what their ideal school would look like.

Love's presentation will focus on the fact that humans are wired to seek out connections, but there is a difference between healthy and unhealthy belongingness. Love will dive into that difference and help guide students on how to seek out and identify healthy belongingness.

In their classroom conversations following the assembly, students will collaboratively answer the question, "What does my ideal school look like, feel like, and sound like?" They will brainstorm answers to the questions and also ways that they can help make that ideal school become a reality.

This event was put together as a collaboration between the staff on the school's School Improvement Team and the students on the Spartan Advisory Council.

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