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**MEDIA ALERT** – Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **LOCAL EDUCATORS TO ATTEND SCREENING OF ‘THE TRUTH ABOUT READING’**

Fargo Public Schools and area educators have the opportunity to learn more about the illiteracy problem in America through a pre-screening of the film “The Truth About Reading” and a discussion panel to follow the film.

**WHAT:** ‘The Truth About Reading’ screening and panel discussion  
**WHEN:** **Thursday, March 23** at 6:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** South High School, 1840 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **AnnMarie Campbell**, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 701.446.1005, or email [campbea1@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:campbea1@fargo.k12.nd.us) for more information.

Fargo Public Schools, in collaboration with South East Education Cooperative, is hosting a private pre-screening for area educators of the documentary film, “The Truth About Reading” and a panel discussion that will follow the film on Thursday, March 23 in the South High School theater.

This private screening for area educators is not open to the public.

“The Truth About Reading” looks at the illiteracy problem in America, highlighting people who learned to read as adults, and sharing proposed solutions for working towards a future where every child learns to read proficiently. Literacy experts from across the United States emphasize the seriousness of the illiteracy crisis and share how the implementation of science and evidence-based practices can transform lives and ensure that every child learns how to read. For more information about the film, visit [thetruthaboutreading.com](http://thetruthaboutreading.com).

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion, moderated by Erica Kindem of ND Reading Corps, about the film and the direction of reading instruction.

**Panelists include:**

- Dr. Rupak Gandhi, superintendent of Fargo Public Schools
- Ann Ellefson, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
- Kerri Whipple, director of literacy at SEEC
- John Corcoran, The Truth About Reading
- David Chalk, The Truth About Reading

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