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**MEDIA ALERT** – Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **FARGO-WEST FARGO INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM HOSTING GRADUATION CELEBRATION POW-WOW**

The Fargo-West Fargo Indian Education Program is celebrating the 2023 Native American graduates through song and dance.

- WHAT:** Indian Education Graduation Celebration  
**WHEN:** Thursday, May 11 starting at:  
5:30 p.m. Feast (Lower Cafeteria)  
6:30 p.m. Start of the Pow-wow (Gymnasium)  
7:30 p.m. Graduate Honor Song (Gymnasium)  
8:30 p.m. Closing Songs  
**WHERE:** Agassiz Building, 1305 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
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The Fargo-West Fargo Indian Education Program is hosting a celebration pow-wow for the 2023 Native American graduates of Fargo and West Fargo Public School Districts on Thursday, May 11 in the Agassiz building gymnasium. The event is a celebration of Native American culture, and the public is invited to attend, participate, and learn.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a traditional feast. The pow-wow, featuring FPS Indian Education Cultural Specialist Ricky White as master of ceremonies, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and invite attendees to participate in numerous song and dance performances. The pow-wow will be interactive, educational, and fun for all to participate in.

The “Grand Entry” and opening ceremonies will feature the FPS Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Color Guard, a traditional flag song, and a veteran’s song. Following the Grand Entry, attendees will be invited to participate in inter-tribal songs, aimed at creating harmony among individuals of all races and heritages. All 2023 graduates will be announced and there will be an Honor Song for them and a friendship round dance.

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