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MEDIA ALERT – Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Fargo Public School District #1

NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT ‘TAKING THE COURT TO SCHOOL’ AS IT HEARS ORAL ARGUMENTS AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Students and staff at South High School have a unique opportunity to see the legal process in action as the school’s theater turns into a courtroom on Thursday.

WHAT: North Dakota Supreme Court Visit
WHEN: **Thursday, April 11** from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Theater, South High School, 1840 15th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Todd Bertsch**, South Principal, 701.446.2004 or bertsto@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

South High School students will get a firsthand look at the work of the judicial branch and see how cases are decided as the North Dakota Supreme Court visits the school on Thursday as part of the “Taking the Court to Schools” education outreach program.

All junior and senior students at South are invited to attend as the North Dakota Supreme Court will hold oral arguments for a real case in the South High School theater. Instructors have been asked to work with the students in advance to make them aware of proper courtroom etiquette.

The Justices will spend much of the afternoon at the school beyond the time set aside for the oral arguments, with opportunities to interact with the students before and after. Before the oral arguments, they will meet with Advanced Placement Government and Advanced Placement English students to speak with them about their work in a personal setting. After the oral arguments, the Justices will participate in a question-and-answer sessions, wherein attending students may ask questions about the process of hearing a case, but not the substance of specific cases.

“Taking the Court to Schools” is an educational outreach program of the North Dakota Supreme Court. The Court travels to schools and universities across the state two to three times per year and hears an oral argument at each location. The Court has also visited the University of North Dakota and Griggs County Schools within the last year.

Notice to the Media: Electronic and photographic media coverage of the Supreme Court proceedings at Fargo South High School are subject to [Administrative Rule 21](#). Questions from the media regarding this procedure should be directed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Petra Hulm, at phulm@ndcourts.gov or (701) 328-2221.

SCHEDULE

- 12:30-1:15 p.m.: AP Government and AP English class visits
- 1:30-2:20 p.m.: Oral Arguments
- 2:20-3 p.m.: Large group Question & Answer session

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