



From the Cabinet

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Increasing Learning Opportunities for FPS Students

Fargo Public Schools held an FPS Town Hall Meeting virtually on February 5. At the Town Hall, I was excited to announce an array of enriching academic program opportunities available for the 2024-25 school year.

These programs are meticulously designed to cater to a diverse range of learning styles and academic needs, ensuring every student in our district has access to an education that resonates with and empowers them.

Dakota High School: Located at Agassiz, this program is ideal for grades 10-12 students who are highly independent and self-directed. It employs a HyFlex Learning model, perfect for learners balancing multiple priorities or those with limited campus access.

Self-Directed Academy: This program for grades 6-8, based at Agassiz, combines in-person and online learning. It's tailored for independent learners who benefit from technology-integrated, self-paced education. Registration for the Self-Directed Academy will begin after Spring Break.

Virtual Academy: Available for grades K-8 and 9-12, this fully online program is best suited for students comfortable in digital learning environments and who have reliable technology access.

Explorer Academy: Located at the Explorer Academy, this K-8 program focuses on students needing specific educational accommodations as per their Individualized Educational Plan.

Day Treatment School: Also, at the Explorer Academy for grades K-8, this program integrates academic instruction with therapeutic support for students with significant mental, behavioral, or emotional health difficulties.

Empower(Ed) Program(s): Available at North HS, South HS, and Davies HS for grades 9-12, this traditional/blended learning program is ideal for students who thrive in structured, in-person environments.

Trollwood Mentorship Program: A unique collaboration between Trollwood Performing Arts School and Virtual Academy, this program for grades 9-12 blends academic instruction with arts mentorship.



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Bridges Program: Operating out of Youthworks for grades 6-12, this program combines academic instruction with wraparound services, serving as an alternative to school expulsion.

These programs reflect our commitment to educational justice, ensuring that every student, regardless of their ZIP code, has access to exceptional educational opportunities. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where students can thrive, discover their passions, and prepare for a bright future. For more details on these programs, I encourage our staff and District members to refer to the comprehensive overview provided in the ["FPS Choice Options 2024-25" document](#).

All Town Hall participants are asked to provide additional feedback to the District via this [Post Town Hall Feedback Survey](#). This information will be used to help plan for future Town Hall Meetings, future communication, and address other areas of District operations that have been identified. A Future Town Hall will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8. [Click here to register](#).

