

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MEDIA ALERT – Wednesday, August 21, 2024 Fargo Public School District #1

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR TO CONNECT FPS MENTAL-HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Fargo Public Schools' school-based mental health professionals will connect with community organizations on Friday to learn how to better help the District's students and families.

WHAT:	Community Resource Fair
WHEN:	Friday, August 23 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
WHERE:	North High School, 801 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Fargo
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Fargo Public Schools is hosting about 40 local community providers to meet with its school-based mental-health professionals at the Community Resource Fair from 10:15-11:30 a.m. on Friday at North High School. This is the second year FPS has hosted this event.

The District's counselors, social workers, school psychologists and other mental-health professionals will visit with the outside providers about the services they provide in the community. They will work with these organizations to connect students and families to community resources to reduce barriers and improve access to education. This event helps create awareness for FPS mental-health professionals of what resources are available in the community.

Visiting organizations include Fargo Cass Public Health, Great Plains Food Bank, Hospice, Prairie St. John's, Youthworks, The Salvation Army, Southeast Human Service Center, North Dakota Autism Center, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, Hospice of the Red River Valley, and many more. From these representatives, District mental-health professionals will learn about available resources related to mental health, food instability, housing insecurity, grief support, chemical health, substance abuse, and more.

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