



**EVENT NOTICE – Monday, October 28, 2024**  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

*The following information is for media outlets for the purpose of assigning staff coverage to the event.*

**DISCOVERY EIGHTH GRADERS TO LEARN ABOUT VOTING PROCESS  
WITH MOCK ELECTION**

Discovery Middle School eighth graders are headed to the polls this Tuesday.

- WHAT:** Eighth Grade Mock Election  
**WHEN:** **Tuesday, October 29** from 8:45 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. (no voting from noon to 1 p.m.)  
**WHERE:** Room 238, Discovery Middle School, 1717 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **Jeremy Nesvold**, Discovery history teacher, [nesvolj@fargo.k12.nd.us](mailto:nesvolj@fargo.k12.nd.us) or 701.446.3538 for more information.

A week ahead of the General Election, eighth graders at Discovery Middle School have the opportunity to participate in a mock election meant to closely simulate the experience of voting at a real polling location. During their American History classes, the roughly 300 students will be given the option to visit Mr. Jeremy Nesvold's classroom to perform their civic duty.

Before the mock election, students will receive a lesson about the voting process, which will address how to vote, how to prepare to vote, what items are required to participate in the voting process, and voter etiquette.

Just as with real elections, participation is optional. Students who choose not to vote in the mock election will be given an alternative activity to learn more about the voting process.

In the simulated polling location, students will vote online using a website set up by the Youth Leadership Initiative. The online ballot will include President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives. Students will also vote for North Dakota Governor and one local ballot measure on paper. When Discovery's online voting window closes, they will receive the school results along with a comparison across the state and nation.

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