

EVENT NOTICE – Friday, April 4, 2025 **Fargo Public School District #1**

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LOS ANGELES-BASED, NORTH DAKOTA-NATIVE PIANIST DAVID SNYDER TO PERFORM AT BEN FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Franklin Middle School students will enjoy a performance meant to help them find their voices through a piano performance that celebrates music's power to tell stories beyond words.

WHAT:	David Snyder Piano Performance
WHEN:	Monday, April 7 at 1:20 p.m., 2:08 p.m., and 2:56 p.m.
WHERE:	Ben Franklin Middle School, 1420 8 th Street North, Fargo
CONTACT:	Jake Snyder, Ben Franklin Dean of Students, <u>snyderj1@fargo.k12.nd.us</u> or
	701.446.3615 for more information.

Ben Franklin Middle School is hosting a performance by Los Angeles-based, North Dakota-native pianist and storyteller David Snyder. Snyder's performance incorporates rock, pop, jazz, funk, classical piano playing as well as his own original compositions and incorporates stories meant to inspire and entertain. He will perform three times in the Ben Franklin auditorium, for eighth graders at 1:20 p.m., seventh graders at 2:08 p.m., and sixth graders at 2:56 p.m.

Snyder's performance aims to inspire students to overcome their personal challenges and discover their voice. He will perform on the piano and share stories of his journey from growing up on a farm in North Dakota to moving to Los Angeles to pursue modeling and how he changed his path to pursue performing on the piano. His music career has led him to gaining popularity online, appearing on America's Got Talent and opening performances for Snoop Dogg and Ice Cube. He will share the story of how he fell in and out of love with the piano and how that evolution shaped his life and helped him gain confidence and discover his own voice.

Snyder is in the middle of his "The Piano Says It Better: Reimagined" tour and will be performing public concerts at the TAK Music Venue in Dilworth on April 10, in Kindred, N.D. on April 11, and Northwood, N.D. on April 12 before heading to Tennessee, California, Texas, and New York.

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