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MEDIA ALERT – Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

COMMUNITY INVITED FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF HISTORIC HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AHEAD OF NEXT YEAR’S DEMOLITION

Horace Mann Elementary School has been a staple in the Fargo community for more than a century, housing generations of young students, and school administration is inviting the community to come say goodbye.

WHAT: Horace Mann Tours
WHEN: **Tuesday, October 7** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North, Fargo
CONTACT: **Leandra Ostrom**, Horace Mann Roosevelt principal, ostroml@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.5304 for more information.

Horace Mann Elementary School is inviting the community to come take a walk down memory lane inside the historic building, opened in 1915, before it is demolished following the completion of this school year. The building will be open to the community for self-guided tours from 6:30-7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, October 7.

The Horace Mann Elementary School building is scheduled to be demolished following the conclusion of this school year to make way for a new elementary school on its grounds as part of Fargo Public Schools’ Long-Range Facility Plan.

The Fargo Board of Education approved moving forward with the design and planning phases for a new elementary school located at the current Horace Mann Elementary School site. The project calls for the construction of a new, centrally located, three-section elementary school that will have the capacity to serve approximately 444 students in grades K–5. Once completed, this new school will bring together the Horace Mann–Roosevelt and Madison Elementary School attendance areas into a single, unified school community. The existing Roosevelt and Madison school buildings will be closed once the new facility is ready to open in Fall 2028.

The Horace Mann building was first occupied in 1915. The school was built on the city circus ground, which was considered to be in the country at the time. There were no additions to the school until 1995 when an elevator was added. Horace Mann is a paired school with Roosevelt Elementary School with Horace Mann serving Grades K-2 and Roosevelt serving Grades 3-5.

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