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Fargo Public School District #1

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATION ASSIGNMENT

Fargo Public Schools announces the assignment of Leandra Ostrom as principal of the new Horace Mann Elementary School, which is set to open in Fall 2028.



Leandra Ostrom has served as principal of Horace Mann Roosevelt Elementary School since 2017 and will continue to serve as principal at Roosevelt Elementary School while the new elementary school is being constructed. Ostrom began with Fargo Public Schools in 2001, serving as special education teacher at Washington Elementary School, North High School, Longfellow Elementary School, and Centennial Elementary School. She was also a student performance strategist and an administrative intern at Centennial. She began her career in education as a first and second grade teacher in Paraparaumu, New Zealand in 1998.

Ostrom holds a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Bachelor of Science in Special Education - Emotional Disturbance / Learning Disabilities, and an administration credential from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The new Horace Mann Elementary School, to be built on the site of the current Horace Mann Elementary School, will bring together the Horace Mann Roosevelt and Madison Elementary School attendance areas into a single, unified school community. The new, three-section elementary school will have the capacity to serve approximately 444 students in grades K–5. The current Horace Mann Elementary School building will be demolished at the conclusion of this school year to make way for the new school. The existing Roosevelt and Madison school buildings will be closed once the new facility is ready to open.

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