



EVENT NOTICE – Friday, February 6, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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SELF-DIRECTED ACADEMY STUDENTS TO DISPLAY THE CITY OF THE FUTURE AT ‘FUTURISTIC CITY EXPO’

What will the city of the future look like? Will self-driving cars navigate the streets of a city of chrome skyscrapers covered in bright neon signs with robots walking the sidewalks? The students in the Self-Directed Academy have imagined and created their own design for the city of the future.

- WHAT:** Futuristic City Expo
WHEN: **Tuesday, February 10** from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: SDA Think Tank, Agassiz Building, 1305 9th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Kelly Dietrich**, SDA Principal, dietrik@fargo.k12.nd.us or 701.446.3004 for more information.

Self-Directed Academy students have imagined, planned, and designed the Fargo of 2050 and they are sharing their design at the Futuristic City Expo on Tuesday.

Thirty-eight students in grades 5-8 received guidance from professionals as they learned about design, development, the needs of people in a community, and how to conceive and build innovative designs created their future Fargo. They used information from guest presenters along with their own research to work in small groups, or city districts, to conceive and create distinct parts of the city that will all join to create the full city. This will let the students see how individual contributions impact the design and function of a whole metro.

Each small group will have its own display, give presentations about their part of the city, and answer any questions visitors have about their design.

During the process of this project, the students were visited by representatives from Dabbert Custom Homes on behalf of the Building Industry Association of the Red River Valley, Kilbourne Group, and the City of Fargo Planning Coordinator and Assistant Planner. The guests spoke with the students about what to consider when designing a city, a city’s growth plan, infrastructure, land development, how multiple industries cooperate on building projects, how to respect a city’s history while building spaces for the future, and more.

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