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MEDIA ALERT – Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Fargo Public School District #1

FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF HISTORIC HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEFORE DEMOLITION

Community members have one final opportunity to walk the halls of the historic Horace Mann Elementary School and say goodbye to a school that has served generations of young students and been a staple in the Fargo community for more than a century.

WHAT: Horace Mann Tours
WHEN: **Wednesday, May 13** from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Time capsule will be opened at 6:30 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's administration is inviting the community to take self-guided tours of the more-than-a-century-old building from 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13. The event will also feature the opening of a time capsule that was placed at the building's centennial in 2015.

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 time capsule, placed on the 100th anniversary of the school, was intended to be opened in the distant future, but will be opened now as the building counts down its final days. The capsule was meant to give future Horace Mann students a look into the lives and culture of the students of 2015. It will still provide perspective on changes in society for guests more than a decade later.

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 and will retain the Horace Mann Elementary School name. Once completed, this new school will bring together the current 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 for their current purpose once the new facility is ready to open in Fall 2028.

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