



EVENT NOTICE – Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

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HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Shovels are hitting dirt on Friday as Fargo Public Schools celebrates the beginning of the construction process of its newest school.

WHAT: Horace Mann Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony
WHEN: **Friday, May 22** from 11:30 a.m. to noon
WHERE: Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North
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Fargo Public Schools is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Horace Mann Elementary School on Friday. Students and staff from Horace Mann, Roosevelt, and Madison elementary schools will gather in the field area north of the current Horace Mann building to witness shovels breaking ground and hear from important individuals to the process. The new elementary school, scheduled to open in Fall 2028, will combine the current Horace Mann-Roosevelt and Madison attendance areas into a single, unified school. *Please note, this event is not open to the public, it is a private event for invited FPS students, staff, and guests only.*

FPS Superintendent Dr. Cory Steiner; Horace Mann Roosevelt Principal Leandra Ostrom; members of the Fargo Board of Education; design and construction partners from ICON Architectural Group and Kraus Anderson Construction; and select Horace Mann Roosevelt and Madison students will be given shovels to participate in the groundbreaking. Dr. Steiner, Principal Ostrom, and School Board President Katie Christensen Mineer will speak about the new school.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, Horace Mann-Roosevelt and Madison students will join together for a field day, marking the beginning of their relationship as one school community.

The 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. The current Horace Mann building will be prepped for demolition in early June and is planned to be demolished in late June.

The current Horace Mann Elementary School is a paired school with Roosevelt Elementary School, with students in grades K-2 attending Horace Mann and students in grades 3-5 attending Roosevelt. During the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, students affected by construction or

new attendance boundaries will attend Roosevelt and Madison, with grades K-2 at Madison and grades 3-5 at Roosevelt.

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