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MEDIA ALERT – Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Fargo Public School District #1

HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE DEMOLISHED; COMMUNITY INVITED TO PICK UP BRICK KEEPSAKES

The time has come for Fargo Public Schools to bid farewell to a building that has served generations of students across more than a century. Memories of Horace Mann Elementary School will live on with those who attended the school and community members are invited to take a souvenir to help keep those memories alive.

WHAT:	Horace Mann Elementary School Demolition
WHEN:	**Demolition:** Monday, June 29 at 9 a.m. **Brick Pick Up:** Monday, July 6 from noon to 4:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Horace Mann Elementary School, 1025 3rd Street North, Fargo
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Demolition of the historic Horace Mann Elementary School building, first occupied in 1915, will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, June 29 to make room for a new elementary school on the grounds as part of FPS' Long-Range Facility Plan. Following the demolition, bricks from the building will be retrieved and made available for community members to take for free on Monday, July 6.

Kraus-Anderson Construction Company will be completing the demolition using an excavator and employing water cannons to mitigate airborne dust. Demolition will begin on the southeast corner of the building. Viewing of the demolition can occur outside of the construction fence erected on the grounds. All sidewalks on the block are outside of the construction fence and will remain open. Media will not be allowed inside the fence. Those wishing to watch the process are asked to be mindful of construction traffic coming in and out of the fence. The demolition will occur rain or shine, but a thunderstorm could delay the work. Demolition of the building is expected to take as many as seven weeks to complete, including removing building debris from the site.

Following the completion of the 2025-26 school year, Kraus-Anderson has been preparing the building for demolition during the month of June.

Bricks from the Horace Mann Elementary School building will be collected during the demolition process and will be made available to community members for free from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6. Bricks can be picked up on the north side of the Horace Mann property along 11th

Avenue North. The bricks may not all be full bricks, but in many cases remnants of bricks and may still have mortar attached. The bricks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Designed by ICON Architectural Group, the new three-story, $45 million, 78,460-square-foot Horace Mann Elementary School, scheduled to open in Fall 2028, will serve students in grades K–5, combining the existing Horace Mann, Roosevelt, and Madison elementary schools into one modern facility. The building is designed to complement the surrounding historic neighborhood through the use of brick, cast stone, and other architectural detailing on the exterior. Site amenities will include an accessible playground, a poured-in-place safety surface, and a grassy field for recreation and outdoor activities. Inside, the school will feature spacious classrooms filled with natural light and flexible learning environments to create an engaging atmosphere.

Through the 2025-26 school year, Horace Mann Elementary School was 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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