2026 Cynthia Thoresen Selland Award Announcement

The Fargo Public Schools Foundation and Alumni Network is proud to congratulate Jim Urlacher, Fargo Public Schools 2026 Teacher of the Year!

In recognition of this prestigious honor, Jim will also receive the Cynthia Thoresen Selland Teacher of the Year Award. This award celebrates excellence in teaching within Fargo Public Schools while honoring the legacy of Cynthia Thoresen Selland, who dedicated 31 years to students at Agassiz, Ben Franklin, and Fargo South.

Established by Mrs. Selland's children and grandchildren, the award reflects her lifelong commitment to education and recognizes educators who make a lasting difference in the lives of their students. Along with a monetary gift, the honor includes a traveling plaque engraved with Jim's name, which will be displayed at Discovery Middle School throughout the coming year.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Kierscht family for their continued support of this meaningful award. We also take a moment to remember Dr. Marcia Selland Kierscht, who faithfully presented the award on behalf of the family for many years. A member of the first 7th grade class at Ben Franklin and a proud Fargo Central graduate (Class of 1957), Marcia's warmth, generosity, and dedication left a lasting impact. She will be deeply missed.

We are grateful to recognize Cynthia Kierscht, Marcia's daughter and the granddaughter of Cynthia Thoresen Selland, who continues this important legacy. A Fargo North graduate (Class of 1983) and Fargo North Hall of Fame member, Cynthia carries forward her family's strong commitment to education.

We are profoundly thankful for the Kierscht family's enduring contributions and their continued dedication to honoring outstanding educators in our community.

