



FPS Development Foundation

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Another Huge Summer for Maintenance and Operations

Fargo Public Schools serves over 11,400 students, 3,700 of these students, or 17% live in poverty. This does not account for the families that are just above the poverty level but are struggling to make ends meet and provide their children with basic needs. Thanks, in no small part to your support, FPS educators and staff help get kids the resources they need to succeed.

The *Critical Needs Program* supports students, families, and school personnel in multiple ways:

- Each school has varying needs and there is flexibility within the program to ensure staff are meeting the unique needs of each student. ***"I could not get to school without your help! Thank you to whoever pays for this."*** ~ Alternative High School Student. Agassiz staff and newly named Dakota High School staff are able to provide bus tokens to students that are living in homeless shelters and temporary housing in order to assure that they are able to continue to attend school uninterrupted.
- Through the Critical Needs program, we can provide dollars for classrooms to ensure, that no matter what, every student receives a snack and milk. ***"I can't say enough how one carton of milk will help a student focus and get them by until lunch."*** ~ Elementary School Principal.
- ***"An elementary student recognized how valuable it was to have a snack throughout her day. She had gained such trust in our team that when she noticed a new nonverbal-autistic student struggling in her class, she took him by the hand and walked him to our room. There she bypassed staff who were working with others and quietly opened our sharing cupboard offering a snack. He said, 'Thank-you' Yes, he did!!! Your support passed through me to her and then to him. We never know how far reaching our generosity goes but when we see the results, the gratitude rolls back 10-fold."*** ~ Elementary Teacher

The Fargo Public Schools Foundation is grateful for your support of students, families, and school personnel during this school year!

To impact a student's life, click on the link to [donate](#) to the Critical Needs Fund.

