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MEDIA ADVISORY – Friday, October 5, 2018
Fargo Public School District #1

INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY ACTIVITIES

Native American students will gather on Indigenous Peoples' Day for activities that support self-empowerment.

WHAT: Indigenous Peoples' Day
WHEN: **Monday, October 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
WHERE: Agassiz, 1305 South 9th Avenue, Fargo
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More than 50 middle and high school students from the Fargo-West Fargo and Moorhead Indian Education Program will participate in activities as part of Fargo's third annual Indigenous Peoples Day on October 8 at Agassiz.

Youth Events:

10:00 a.m.	Welcome: Sharon Whitebear, Fargo Native American Commission
10:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks: City Resolution of Indigenous Peoples Day: Mayor Mahoney
10:20 a.m.	Presentation of Tribal Flags to City of Fargo: Tribal Color Guards, Tribal Chairman
10:45 a.m.	Gladys Ray Award
11:00 a.m.	Videos for Youth
12:30 p.m.	Youth Educational sessions
2:00 p.m.	Youth return to schools
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Professional Development Opportunity with Allan Demaray

Indigenous Peoples' Day continues with a Community Powwow, which is free and open to the public. There will be a meal from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Powwow from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Fargo/West Fargo Indian Education Program was 1 of 2 recipients chosen out of 300 organizations worldwide to receive a generous donation of new books from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. The program will receive nearly 1,000 books that will be distributed to children at the Powwow.

"The City of Fargo recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day. This has allowed us the opportunity to provide educational presentations about the truth of the original discoveries of this land and the Indigenous People. This is a time for our students and community to come together and learn a history that makes sense and puts life with Native Americans into perspective in a meaningful way. Students will understand the contributions that Native Americans have made to all aspects of modern society," said Melody Staebner, Indian Education Program coordinator.

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