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MEDIA ADVISORY – Monday, November 5, 2018
Fargo Public School District #1

BEN FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER TO RECEIVE 2018 NORTH DAKOTA GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The following information is for media outlets only, for the purpose of assigning staff coverage to the event. This information is embargoed until November 6 at 2:30 p.m. Please do not release any information publicly at this time. Your cooperation is appreciated.

WHAT: 2018 North Dakota Geographic Alliance Teacher of the Year Award Announcement
WHEN: **Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.**
WHERE: Gymnasium, Ben Franklin Middle School, 1420 South 8th Street, Fargo
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PLEASE NOTE: Media representatives must check in at the Ben Franklin Middle School Office first, and are asked to arrive at 2:20 p.m. and enter the building using the main door on the east side of the building.

On Tuesday, November 6 at 2:30 p.m., Social Studies Teacher Sarah Volk will be presented with the 2018 North Dakota Geographic Alliance (NDGA) Teacher of the Year award at Ben Franklin Middle School in the gymnasium. **This is a “surprise” announcement for all assembled, as well as for the recipient.**

The presentation will immediately precede the Fargo Police Department Unity Lyceum.

Mrs. Volk has played an active role in NDGA programming and events over the past year. She has done a great job of promoting geography education in her classroom. Volk has created a learning environment in her classroom that encourages students to get to know more about the interconnected world they are part of.

The mission of the NDGA is to promote an effective presence of geography in the curriculum that equips North Dakota students with geographic knowledge and skills to become productive global citizens and problem solvers in an interconnected world. NDGA, established in 1991, is a university-based, statewide partnership between professors and K-12 teachers. The Alliance provides educators with professional development, networking, and teaching materials and promotes public awareness of the importance of geographic skills and fluency.

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