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**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **COMMUNITY INNOVATIVE GRANT AWARDED TO KENNEDY ELEMENTARY**

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On Monday, November 5, Kennedy Elementary School in Fargo was awarded a “Community Innovation Grant” for the 2018-19 School Year to improve the quality of social and emotional learning in the classroom, which will crossover to societal context and a broad community impact. All stakeholders, (school, families, and community) must work together to support the broader implementation of systemic, evidence-based programming that is generalized to benefit disadvantaged populations within the community.

The staff at Kennedy Elementary School will be teaching:

- New skills for dealing with conflict
- Skills for collaborating, communicating, and peacemaking
- Emotional literacy – so children can recognize and understand the feelings and needs of themselves and others. Emotional Literacy is the key to unlocking empathy
- Strong social responsibility and helping others

This competitive grant will provide a universal intervention, improving social, emotional, and academic skills among all students at Kennedy Elementary School. This program also engages the community and families in service-learning aimed at improving the quality of life through school-embedded charitable work throughout the Fargo community by allowing classrooms or grade levels to complete project-based service learning projects while giving back to the community. Part of their School Improvement Plan is focused on teaching “empathy” and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills of critical thinking, communication, creativity, and collaboration.

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