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MEDIA ADVISORY – Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Fargo Public School District #1

JOURNEY TO AMERICA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN POETRY WORKSHOP

These students have a powerful story to share. This new partnership will ignite more passion in their work.

WHAT: Poetry Workshop with Science Museum of Minnesota
WHEN: **Thursday, December 6, 2018** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
WHERE: Fargo South High School, 1840 15th Ave S, Fargo – room C30
CONTACT: **Leah Juelke**, English Learners Language Arts instructor at South High School, 701.446.2055 or juelkej@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

On Thursday, December 6, Leah Juelke's English Learner students from South High School will partner with teaching artists from the Science Museum of Minnesota to host a poetry workshop.

Teaching artists Nicole M. Smith and Maggie McKenna will lead a two-hour workshop with Juelke's students. During the workshop, the teachers will discuss the new *RACE: Are We So Different* exhibit newly installed at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead; they will also talk about student resources through the Museum's new micro granting program. Then they work with students as they begin their *I AM FROM* poems, which will later appear in the *Journey to America* book.

Nicole M. Smith and Maggie McKenna have more than a decade of experience working with marginalized communities including low-income, queer, youth, immigrant, indigenous, and communities of color through arts-based and experiential community engagement. They have an extensive background in providing transformational workshops and trainings that address race and power in our region. Currently McKenna and Smith are working as community engagement consultants with the Science Museum of Minnesota's [RACE in Greater MN project](#).

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