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MEDIA ADVISORY – Friday, March 1, 2019
Fargo Public School District #1

FARGO NORTH JUNIORS TO COMPLETE POVERTY SIMULATION

Approximately 14.6% of people in Fargo are living below the poverty line (<https://bit.ly/2xinXe5>). Juniors at North High have the chance to experience that lifestyle.

WHAT: North High Juniors Poverty Simulation
WHEN: **Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 8:05 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. and 12:10 to 2:10 p.m.**
WHERE: North High School, 801 North 17th Avenue, Fargo
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On Tuesday, March 5, from 8:05 to 10:05 a.m., and 12:10 to 2:10 p.m., juniors enrolled in English 3 and AP Language and Composition classes at North High School will take part in a poverty simulation. The simulation is intended to give students a hands-on experience to learn more about poverty.

Each student will be provided a case study/scenario to use within the simulation. Throughout the course of the simulation, students will experience life events that impact their situation. As part of their case study, students will be provided an income and budget to follow. Each event is meant to help students problem solve and work through life situations that might occur to meet their basic needs. The simulation is to help students empathize with others their age and in the community that might use the community resources if they experience poverty. The poverty simulation will connect with the informational text *Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. Juniors read this book to explore the thematic idea of the American Dream and its attainability.

The simulation will be hosted by English teachers at North High School, North High School Counseling Department, FPS Homeless Liaison Jan Anderson, and the FM Homeless Coalition.

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