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MEDIA ADVISORY – Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Fargo Public School District #1

INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM HOSTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY

Native American students will gather Friday for activities that support leadership and self-empowerment.

WHAT: Native American Youth Leadership Day
WHEN: **Friday, March 29**, 2019 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. See Schedule Below
WHERE: Community High School, 109 East 3rd Street, West Fargo, ND
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The Fargo-West Fargo Indian Education Program is hosting a Native American Youth Leadership Day on Friday, March 29 for students in sixth through eighth grade who participate in the Indian Education Program. The day's featured speaker is Ryan Bajan. More than 40 students from the Fargo and West Fargo school districts are scheduled to participate in the event.

Ryan Bajan, Ma'iingan, has been working with traditional ways most of his life. He has worked as an Ojibwe Language and Cultural Specialist and an educator throughout Minnesota. Bajan leads programs deep in the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness, in traditional seasonal camps, drum and dance teachings, and with lodge-building.

The day's presentations and activities will provide the students with leadership development, cultural teachings, and exposure to the arts, technology, and the opportunities of higher education.

Schedule:

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Opening
12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Medicine Bags
1:15 to 2:00 p.m. Processing Medicines (Cedar, Sage)
2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Flint/Steel Fire Making
2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Beargrease Making
3:15 to 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cultural Teachings about Leadership
4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Reflection, clean-up

This event is sponsored by the Fargo-West Fargo Indian Education Program.

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