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MEDIA ADVISORY – Monday, April 29, 2019
Fargo Public School District #1

CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND STUDENT-CONSTRUCTED HOME OPEN HOUSE

Our students do great work – but don't feel you have to take our word for it, come check out the student construction work for yourself!

- WHAT:** Technical Education Construction Trades Open House
WHEN: **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 11:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.**
WHERE: North side of the school, North High School, 801 17th Avenue North, Fargo
Media representatives are asked to check in at the school's main office prior to any filming.
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The students in the Fargo Public Schools (FPS) Construction Technology II class at North High School have been working all year long to construct a single-family home from the ground up, and students in the Construction Technology I class have constructed several storage sheds during spring semester. Both groups of students are now ready to showcase their completed work at an open house event on May 1. In addition, the North High Technical Education Department will showcase other Technical Education student-created projects and courses and the Technical Education Lab will be open for tours. The event is open to the public and students at North High School.

A lunch consisting of grilled hot dogs, chips, and bottled water will be served during the open house (or until food supplies run out). Food supplies have been provided by the Fargo North Booster Club.

To fabricate the single family home, the student construction crew leveled the house foundation, set floor joists, installed flooring, and built walls. On the exterior, they set the truss rafters, sheathed the roof, and applied shingles. On the interior they insulated walls, installed windows and doors, and applied drywall. The final portion of the students' build process was installing interior doors and final trim. The home was inspected regularly throughout the entire process by both North Dakota and Minnesota inspectors, as the house must meet all building codes and pass all inspections, just as it would if being built by a professional contractor.

Professional plumbers, electricians, drywall, and siding contractors also worked on this house and showcased their respective areas of construction work with the FPS construction students.

The student-built home is an annual project of the construction trades department. The home has been presold and will be relocated upon completion. Homes for the 2019-20 school year are available for purchase.

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