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**MEDIA ADVISORY** – Wednesday, May 29, 2019

**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **GRADUATION & RETIREMENT “CLAP OUT”**

Graduation from fifth grade is a milestone when you're only 11 years old – you've spent half your lifetime in school! Retirement from a career is another milestone. This school will celebrate both milestones in one unique way.

- WHAT:** Graduation and Retirement Clap Out  
**WHEN:** **Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 2:35 p.m.**  
**WHERE:** Main Hallway, Bennett Elementary School, 2000 South 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fargo  
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Bennett Elementary School will hold a “clap out” on May 30, the last day of school for the 2018-19 school year, for their graduating fifth graders and retiring staff members at the close of the school day. Bennett students will line the main hallway of the school, and clap as the fifth graders and their parents exit the elementary building for one final time as they head off to middle school. Leading the procession will be retiring second grade teacher **Kelly Welle**, who has taught within the Fargo Public School District for 30 years, librarian **Pegi Ecker**, who has served the school district for 30 years, and English learner teacher **Shachi Srivastava** who served within the District for 14 years.

In preparation for the next school year, just prior to the clap out, Bennett students will move to their next grade level area in the building: fourth grade moves to the fifth grade stairs, third grade moves to the fourth grade space, second grade moves to the third grade space, etc. The K–4 students then clap out the fifth graders from these new locations.

Parents of kindergarten through fourth grade Bennett students are invited to line the sidewalk outside of door number 15 to continue the clap out as the fifth graders and their parents exit the building and begin their summer vacation.

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