



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Friday, May 14, 2021
Fargo Public School District #1

FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVES \$20,000 DONATION FROM R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY TO SUPPLY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The \$20,000 donation will increase the availability of services to students who are struggling with mental health and thoughts of suicide.

WHAT: R.D. Offutt Company Mental Health Donation Check Presentation
WHEN: Friday, **May 14 at 3:00 p.m.**
WHERE: District Office, 415 4th Street North
CONTACT: **Jennifer Sahr**, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Coordinator, 701.446.1028, or email sahrj@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

Fargo Public Schools will have additional funding to support the emotional wellbeing of students thanks to a large donation from R.D. Offutt Company and the Offutt Family Foundation. A check presentation will take place in the main lobby of the District Office building on May 14. This \$20,000 donation is part of R.D. Offutt Company's Community Builder Program, which supports the charitable interests of its employees.

Fargo Public Schools will use the funds as part of its Multi-Tiered System of Supports program, which offers academic and behavioral interventions to support student wellness. Specifically, this donation will aid the District in continuing its services related to depression and suicide prevention. Currently, Fargo Public Schools has counselors who support and assist students who may be at-risk for anxiety, depression, and/or suicide. The District also has student wellness and family facilitators who connect students and families to outside resources that match their needs. Additionally, recent grant funding has allowed the District to establish temporary telehealth counseling for students and staff members to aid with mental health in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Media members are invited to attend the check presentation event. All visitors must wear a mask.

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