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REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM, DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT, AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposed rules relate to the Public Employees Retirement System, Uniform Group Insurance Program, Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Employees, Highway Patrol Retirement System, Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and Defined Contribution Plan. The proposed rules implement statutory changes made during the 2025 legislative session, clarify current administrative processes, and ensure consistency in administration within the various plans administered by NDPERS.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing NDPERS-info@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to NDPERS-info@nd.gov. Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2025 Rebecca Fricke

Executive Director

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR **FY2026 COMMUNITY NEEDS**

The North Dakota Department of Comerce Division of Community Services (NDDCS) and North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a public hearing on January 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., CT, to gather input on and to prioritize North Dakota's needs for affordable and special needs housing, services for individuals who are home less, and public facilities and economic development assistance.

Communities, organizations and citizens are encouraged to comment, either in writing or during the hearing, to needs to create opportunities that are in the best interest of North Dakota citizens. The comments received will be used in the development of the FY2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The AAP will outline how the State will allocate federal Community Develop-

ment Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant and National Housing Trust Fund dollars, and prioritizes which activities will be funded. Written comments may be submitted until 5:00 p.m., CT, on Jan. 13, 2026,

by email to dcs@nd.gov or hfainfo@nd.gov, or by mail to NDHFA, 1535. Bismarck. ND 58502-1535 Access to the hearing will be in-person or via Microsoft Teams (virtual or au-

NDHFA Conference Room 2624 Vermont Avenue Bismarck, ND 58502 Microsoft Teams

From a browser http://bit.ly/44g6lsJ Call-in (audio only): (701) 3 Conference ID: 339 778 303# (701) 328-0950, The meeting space reserved is acces sible to individuals with physical disabilities. Requests for accessibility or

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translation assistance should be directed to the 504 Coordinator Tonya Forderer one week prior to the hearing at 701-328-5300, 711 (Voice or TTY). 800-435-8590 (Spanish), or dcs@nd.

gov. This recipient does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities. Equal Housing Opportunity

(December 17, 2025)

VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 5:30 PM LOCATION: Central Office Conference

AGENDA:

- ENDA:
 Call Meeting to Order and
 Recognition of Audience
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Recognition of Students and/or
 Staff Members
 Public Comment
 Approval of Agenda
 Consent Agenda

- Consent Agenda

 A. Review and Consider Approva
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 on Payment of the Bills
 B. Review and Consider Approva
 on Previous Board Minutes
 i. November 12, 2025
 (Regular Meeting)
 C. Receive the Financial Report
 i. General Fund- November 2025
 ii Health Fund- November 2025
- ii. Health Fund- November 2025 Continuous Improvement (i.e Accreditation, Board Develop Accreditation, Board Develop ment, District Goals, and Strate gic Plan)

 A. Preliminary Report on Cognia Accreditation Engagement Re view- December 3, 2025
- Reports A. Committee Reports
- i. Policy ii. Facilities
- II. Facilities
 iii. Finance
 iv. Activities
 B. Superintendent Report
 C. School Facility Project 2028
 Items for Discussion and Possi ble Action
 A. Stormwater Management Plar for the New School
- B. Request for Proposals (RFP for School District Facility and Grounds Equipment
 C. Consideration of Sale of District Real Property for District Offices and Washington Elementary
- School
 Next Meetings Date/Time
 A. Regular School Board Meeting
 Wednesday, January 21, 2026
 5:30 PM 11. Adiourn
 - (December 17, 2025)

FARRMS Farmer Business Planning Course Returns in January!

tion for Agricultural and Rural Resources Management and Sustainability (FAR-RMS) is accepting applications for their Farm Beginnings® beginning course, on January 8, 2026 and running through April 2, 2026. Farm Beginnings® is a 12-week course that delivers communitybased sustainable agriculture education, guided by local farmers who view farming as a holistic lifestyle. Farmers will receive guidance in crafting a whole farm plan and will be connected to essential resources for farm success. Participants will attend weekly, online classes via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm 8:00pm (CT). Applications are open now until December 27, 2025. Registration is \$25 per student, and tuition is \$500 per Scholarships farm.

are available.

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farmers who are in their first ten years of farming, experiencing a transition phase, or scaling up their operations. It provides a comprehensive toolkit of insights and practical resources suitable for farmers, ranchers, and food business owners at different stages of their journey by discussing vision and values, financial and business planning, sustainable farming practices, marketing to connect with customers, farm food safety, and much more. Our community-based model gives participants the opportunity to learn directly from experienced North Dakota producers not only in class, but by connecting one-on-one through mentorship.

Farm Beginnings helps new and beginning farmers build a strong foundation for their business. A 2025 student says, "It was nice to hear a variety of types and to apply, visit of farming but also to know that some

NORTH DAKO- This course is tai- shared the same vi-TA - The Founda- lored for beginning sion and struggles and some that have overcome these as well." Another reparticipant cent "The course adds, provided great resources and mentorship to enhance my knowledge and overcome challenges." If you are ready to take your farm business to the next level, consider taking this course and apply today! Please reach out to Farmer Educator, Jake Callander, jcallander@farrms.org with any questions. FARRMS is a 501c3 nonprofit providing

education, peer networks, and financial support to beginning farmers and ensurtheir ing success through business planning education, mentorship, internopportunities, ship and more. For more information about **FARRMS** contact info@farrms.org, call 701-877-1794 or learn more about our programs at farrms.org, on Facebook, and Instagram @farrms.nd.