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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Tobacco Free North Dakota (TFND) and Fargo Cass Public Health (FCPH) are pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Fall 2026 Youth Action Summit (YAS) on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Avalon Event Center, 2525 9th Ave S, Fargo, ND. This annual event provides a unique opportunity for youth advocates to demonstrate their passion and commitment in helping create the next tobacco-free generation.

The Fargo Break Free Youth Action Summit is a one-day event with about 100 youth and adult coordinators from across North Dakota coming together to learn about tobacco prevention history and the beneficial tips/strategies available to live a tobacco-free life. This year, students and adults will learn about the evolution of tobacco prevention activism on a national scale and the importance of amplifying the youth voice about tobacco prevention initiatives that impact the world around us. Throughout the day, California Youth Action Network Advocacy Leaders, Ignacio Burgos and Kristy Packer will be facilitating workshops with a focus of building youth confidence and leadership skills on tobacco prevention issues. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in fun interactive activities that they can later repeat at their schools and in their local communities.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all summit participants. Your child(ren)'s local youth coalition, school, or agency is responsible for arranging transportation to and from the summit. Please note, portions of the event may be photographed, or video recorded by Tobacco Free North Dakota and Public Health staff or photographer to capture the event in action. A model release form will be provided for each student' parent/guardian to review and sign. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed at the event, please do not sign the form and let your child's coordinator know.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://tfnd.org/youth-action-summit/>. If you have additional questions or concerns about the Youth Action Summit, please don't hesitate to contact me at DOdera@FargoND.gov or 701.241.8195

Sincerely,

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