

Our Why: We believe every learner can change the world; therefore, we will provide a world class education.

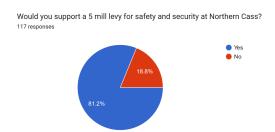
Our Values: Northern Cass will commit to purposefully build trust, develop authentic relationships, and engage in innovative practices which will empower learners to be choice ready.

Our Collective Commitment: We are dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community. We are driven towards continuous improvement.

Families, Update 11/23/23

Please read for updates related to Northern Cass:

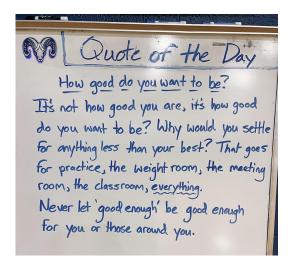
- 1. Northern Cass Preschool Informational Meeting for 2024-25: On Monday, November 27th at 5:30 p.m., Northern Cass will host a virtual meeting to provide information for the 2024-25 preschool program. You will learn about the program, costs, and expectations. After this meeting concludes, registration will officially open for the upcoming year.
 - a. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82678854719?pwd=NepbTGUP3d2uUoSGh6Klm4hmRaa1IW.1
 - b. Meeting ID: 826 7885 4719 and Passcode: v891dd
- 2. The Northern Cass Storefront sponsored by Magpie is reopening the Jaguar collection with some new items + new designs. A promotion for Black Friday/Small Business Saturday on all the collections where an additional \$1 for each order (along with the 20% already going to the NC Pantry) will go to its designated cause. It will only be Friday- Sunday for the promotion. Click here for the link
- 3. Survey from the Yass Prize: At Northern Cass School District, we continually strive to enhance your child's educational experience. As part of our ongoing commitment to quality education, we were recognized as a Yass Prize finalist last year which rewards and celebrates education providers who deliver an education that is Sustainable, Transformational, Outstanding, and Permissionless. The Yass Prize team invites you to take part in a brief 10-minute survey aimed at understanding how technology can help parents like you stay informed about the state of education and educational policies in the US. By participating, you help us explore ways to better connect, communicate, and support your child's learning journey and earn a \$5 Amazon gift card! Click here to take the survey.
- 4. **Safety Mill Survey Results:** Please see below for a sample of the results of the survey. The Board of Education will review the full results at their December committee meetings and decide on potential next steps.



- 5. **Grant Awarded:** Congratulations to Mrs. Tadych for obtaining \$18,000 of grant funds to put towards Choice Ready experiences for Northern Cass learners. This is the third round of funding the District has received for this programming. Funding this year will be put towards a Military Road Show, Industrial Certificates, ZAPS testing fees, and dual credit.
- **6. Parent Portal:** We have added a <u>Jaguar Parent Portal</u> under Parents on the school website. This page is full of resources and information for parents and caregivers. Take a look!
- 7. Amazing Opportunity with Old Yearbooks: Northern Cass has invested in a TouchWall that allows individuals to access digital media from past school years. Please <u>click the link</u> to see what is currently included. The next step is to upload yearbooks from the prior schools, including each of the 6 communities, Dakota and Cass Valley North. This will allow the yearbooks to be uploaded to a website for everyone to access, even if you're not able to visit the school. To

- accomplish this task, we're looking for individuals to sponsor yearbooks at \$50 per book. Your name will be listed on the webpage as a sponsor for the year you have selected. Please contact Stacy Erickson at stacy.erickson@northerncassschool.com to see if the year(s) you'd like to sponsor are available. The completed project will look similar to Moorhead Public Schools.
- **8. Fill The Dome:** We are looking to make Fill the Dome bring in more food and money than previous years. The link takes people to the virtual drive website, specific for our school. This helps people who want to get involved, but don't have any items to donate. Each school has a goal of raising \$5,000. Click on this link for more information: Northern <u>Cass Virtual Drive</u>.
- **9. Health and Wellness Center:** Click <u>here</u> for an update on the Northern Cass Community Health & Wellness Center project. You can also find past information and stay up-to-date by visiting <u>Northern Cass Community Health and Wellness Center Task Force | Hunter ND | Facebook.</u>
- 10. Northern Cass Inquiry and/or Complaint Form: As Northern Cass continues to expand opportunities for communication, please consider utilizing the Inquiry Form (under the Quick Links tab on the website) for questions/concerns you have about the district. Please click on the Inquiry and/or Complaint Form.
- 11. Maintenance Request Online Form: Now available on our website under Quick Links, we have an online maintenance request form to help educators and learners report maintenance needs on the school property: Maintenance Request
- **12.** The Jaguar Wellness Pantry and Lunch Repack is Open! If your child or family is in need contact us at pantry@northerncassschool.com.
- **13. Parent Guidance:** Parents, we know the holiday season can bring on additional stress. Parent Coaching is a FREE resource that provides parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet with a Parent Coach to guide you through whatever issues you or your child are dealing with. Click here to register for support from a coach:

 https://cookcenter.info/coaching Please also see the Winter coaching flyer.
- **14.** Join us and start by reading this December's Mental Health Newsletter (<u>English/Spanish</u>). As always, check out the <u>ParentGuidance.org</u> resources where you can access free courses led by licensed therapists on more than 50 topics. Check out the course titled, <u>Connect with Your Child by Parenting with Purpose</u>. To access the course, simply navigate to ParentGuidance.org and click *on-demand courses*.



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