

## NEWS RELEASE

# Amid the Uncertainty, Insight School of Minnesota is Ready to Help Students Succeed in the New School Year

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FERGUS FALLS, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- iQ Academy Minnesota (**iQMN**), a full-time, tuition-free public school program of Independent School District No. 544, Fergus Falls, is ready to kick off the new school year and give students throughout the state a consistent education option designed to help them reach their full potential. iQMN students and teachers will open their laptops to start the 2021-2022 school year today, September 7, 2021.

For most families, the new school year comes with cautious optimism. Many families realized during the pandemic that attending school online is a safe alternative that allows them to focus on their child's future. According to a recent **survey by Stride, Inc.**, 91 percent of parents agree that it's important for their children to have multiple school options, including full-time online or a hybrid model that blends online and in-person learning. And almost two-thirds of parents would consider full-time online public school after their 2020 pandemic-driven virtual education experience.

"Last year, our students and teachers accomplished so much by operating business as usual during these unprecedented times," said the Operations & Program Manager of iQMN Theresa Gallagher. "I'm confident that we can reach even greater heights this year, as we return to a bit of normalcy in our lives."

Authorized by Independent School District No. 544, Fergus Falls and staffed by Minnesota-licensed teachers, iQMN offers a personalized approach to learning, delivering rich, engaging curriculum designed to assist students who seek alternative pathways to education. Despite wide-spread evidence of a "COVID slide" of learning loss for students in the U.S. during the pandemic, Stride K12-powered schools like iQMN **reported lower learning loss** rates than those reported in national studies. And in some cases, students enrolled in Stride K12-powered schools

experienced learning gains.

Students choose online learning for a variety of reasons, including advanced learning, a bullying-free environment and the flexibility to support extracurricular pursuits or medical needs while maintaining a focus on academics. iQMN's online platform gives students the opportunity to pursue their academic goals in a supportive environment and at an appropriate pace for their learning style.

iQ Minnesota Academy is still accepting enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about iQMN and how to enroll, visit [mn.iqacademy.com](https://mn.iqacademy.com) or download the Stride K12 mobile app for iOS and Android devices - where families can enroll, prepare for the first day of school and monitor students' academic progress throughout the school year.

## About iQ Minnesota Academy

iQ Minnesota Academy (iQMN) is an online public-school program of Independent School District No. 544, Fergus Falls, serving students across the state of Minnesota. iQMN is tuition-free, giving parents and families the choice to access the engaging curriculum and tools provided by Stride, Inc. (NYSE: LRN), the nation's leading provider of proprietary K-12 curriculum and online education programs. For more information about iQMN, visit [mn.iqacademy.com](https://mn.iqacademy.com).

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