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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: SB 2019

This testimony is in opposition to sections of SB 2019. Although the LaMoure School is strongly in favor of funding that goes toward CDE (Center for Distance Education), LaMoure School is opposed to the proposed cut in funding for CDE that has been initially proposed.

LaMoure School, along with many small schools in the state, rely heavily on the services that CDE provides. The following services have been specifically provided to LaMoure School.

1. The implementation of Smart Labs with technical, academic, and curriculum support.
2. The ability for our students to take courses via distance learning that could otherwise not be provided in rural schools.
3. The ability for the LaMoure students to take credit recovery courses we are not able to offer.
4. The implementation of a full curriculum to our Colony School for students beyond the 6th grade.

Without those services that CDE provides, for the LaMoure School, the choices are very limited to where we can obtain those services and find an affordable price.

When we have unprecedented times as we are currently in and in the future years, we rely on CDE to help provide classes for our students. Teacher shortages in rural schools have been a challenge. When positions are not filled, the LaMoure School relies on the services of CDE.

Although with the proposed budget presented, CDE will still exist for schools, but to what extent and what service that is currently provided to small rural school districts have to be eliminated with CDE? The only other option would be to pass the extra costs onto schools or students with the proposed budget cut.

Respectfully submitted,

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