



1 HB 1478 – Learn Everywhere

2 NDCEL Testimony

3 Chairman Schaible, and members of the committee – for the record, my name is Dr. Aimee Copas.  
4 I serve as the Executive Director of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders representing  
5 all school leaders in ND.

6 I am here today in support of general concepts within HB 1478. The concept promoted HB 1478  
7 is positive in its nature. In 2017 with the passage of the Innovation Bill – some districts sought  
8 that application and their efforts were grounded in what is indicated in this bill. It is an  
9 understanding that learning most certainly can occur outside of the walls our school buildings and  
10 when well directed it has the potential to satisfy content standards. This bill allows for another  
11 pathway to quantify that learning.

12 It is important that this work is grounded in data, partnership with content specialist, and the entity  
13 or person(s) in that local community that is able to partner with the school. The concept about  
14 external partnerships, externships and internships are important to continue to supporting learning  
15 in North Dakota.

16 Thank you for your time.

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