

ND Legislature

69th Assembly

Regarding HB 1472 "Microschools"

I am writing in support of passing HB 1472 to allow for the creation of microschools in North Dakota. As a homeschool graduate of this great state and current homeschooling parent of three I believe this would be an amazing option for many families in North Dakota.

While the COVID-19 era was one of stress and uncertainty there were some good things that came out of this time. One of these was parents becoming more involved in their children's educations. New options and alternatives to typical schools were explored and experimented with in 2020. Thanks to this opening of fresh educational possibilities many parents are eager to continue with alternative learning environments.

While hundreds of parents wish to homeschool there is often financial or time barriers due to employment or unique circumstances. Microschools would be an ideal solution for many who are wanting something different than a typical school but not desiring or able to fully homeschool.

Microschools would quantify all of the positive parts of an old-fashioned one-room schoolhouse with today's technology and resources for a well-rounded and interactive educational experience. I believe the establishment of microschools in North Dakota is placing our state as a leader in school choice, while also staying true to our roots of community and creativity in times of challenge.

I hope you will consider all of these--as well as many other--merits of passing HB 1472.

Thank you, Paige Cary

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