

As a teacher, this bill worries me. Public education is a great concept. We educate all students for success, no matter their background. Without public funding, this is an impossible task. I have watched our costs skyrocket and incoming funds decrease. Now is not the time to take money away from Public Schools and give them to parents who exercise their choice to homeschool or place their child in a private school. I'm glad parents have that option, but public dollars should not pay for that.

Furthermore, as a parent, I have had my children attend rural and city schools. I saw what limitations rural schools have and taking money away from them will only impact them further. We have enough consolidated schools and should not exasperated the issue. I don't care if I receive money myself or not. In the end, this is worth it. We have good Public Schools in North Dakota, let's keep it that way.