



1 SB 2215 – Negotiations Timeline

2 NDCEL Testimony in Support

3 Chairman Owens and members of the House Education Committee – for the record my name is
4 Dr. Aimee Copas – I serve as the Executive Director for the North Dakota Council of Educational
5 Leaders serving our state’s school administrators, directors, and school leaders.

6 We are here today in support of this bill that would establish reasonable timelines for good faith
7 negotiations with a school board, thereby allowing districts to reach an amiable agreement with
8 their teachers, offer them a contract, and have those contracts legally signed and submitted prior
9 to the start of the school year.

10 You’ve heard ample testimony today supporting the rationale of this bill. I am here today to simply
11 share the support of our organization as it also includes negotiations with administrative units such
12 as school principals, CTE directors, et. as well. We fully support the reasonable timelines and
13 strongly encourage a Do-Pass recommendation on SB 2215.

14 Thank you for your time.