



1 **HB 1427 – Juvenile justice planning committees.**

2 **February 1, 2021**

3 Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity
4 to testify on this HB 1427. I am Dr. Russ Ziegler, assistant director for the North Dakota Council
5 of Educational Leaders.

6 NDCEL supports the creation of each of these planning committees. We feel that in all stakeholder
7 entities need to collaborate and work together to figure out what is best for kids. We are excited to
8 see that education was included on the Juvenile Justice planning committee and also see that
9 education is included in the amendment. In order for schools to be ready and prepared for the
10 changes to the juvenile justice program communication needs to be open and clear between all the
11 involved agencies. We believe that HB 1427 will help to ensure that process.

12 NDCEL supports HB 1427 and requests a Do Pass from the committee.