

Senators Burckhard, Anderson, Heitkamp, Kannianen, Larson, Lee, and Oban,

For the record NDCEL which represents North Dakota school leaders including your school Superintendents, Principals, and other administrators and directors stand opposed to this bill.


Locally elected officials and the individuals who operate our schools must have the intrinsic authority to make local decisions that can most positively impact the communities they serve. This is a basic tenant that North Dakotan's have strongly believed in for many years. This bill truly eliminates that ability and is a real example of the very overreach the bill may be trying to prevent.

Carefully considering the authority granted to elected officials is the job of each and every one of the wonderful people who have chosen to serve their state, school, or other political subdivision. This bill limits their ability to make those decision and is fundamentally inappropriate.

If constituents who have elected or hired these individuals disagree with their decisions, there is a process by which that can be amended, and that is through the voting booth. Utilizing the power granted to state legislators to limit the power of other elected individuals does not represent the type of local decision making that has made North Dakota so wonderful.

We'd respectfully ask that you keep this issue as a local decision and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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