

House Appropriations - Government Operations Division HB 1021 - NDIT Budget January 18, 2023 Testimony in Support

Chairman Monson & Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Hondl and I am a Technology Specialist for Dickinson Public Schools. I am writing to ask you to support the inclusion and funding of ClassLink in the NDIT budget.

Dickinson Public Schools has been using ClassLink for close to 6 years now. We have found ClassLink to be a time saver for all staff and students. It allows our students and staff to have 1 account that links to all of our curricular pieces, saving them time by not having to remember which account and password combo works for which site. We also have found it optimizes students' engagement as staff are able to start lessons quickly without log in or website issues.

ClassLink has also saved our technology staff numerous hours of work as it allows us to roster students, staff, teachers, and classes via PowerSchool. With so many curriculum pieces moving to online books and online platforms, it would take one person to be solely dedicated to maintaining multiple sites and rosters. Roster server allows us to select what schools and classes are using the curriculum piece, and PowerSchool tells it what students to add to the programs. It will update and add new students along with removing students that leave the district.

We have nothing but positive things to say about ClassLink. The implementation went smoothly and their support is outstanding. Thank you for your support of ClassLink.

Sincerely,

Laura Hondl

