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Members of the North Dakota House Appropriations

RE: Support for HB1232

Chairman Vigesaa and members of the House Appropriations Committee. My name is Dale Hoerauf. I am the Director of Career and Technical Education for Bismarck Public Schools. I am reaching out to you in support of HB1232.

Three years ago I sat in on a presentation of BeMore Colorful. I was impressed by the high tech, clear video, and ability to see a 360 walk through of a construction site or a college campus. We hired Mr. Chausee to do a 360 walkthrough of the Bismarck Public School Career Academy. It allows parents, students, and community partners to be able to see all the classes we have to offer and equipment we use. We know that many students do not know what career they want to pursue when they graduate. One of the best ways for students to be able to make a career decision is to somehow experience through job shadows, internships, etc. However that is not always possible. Virtual reality is an incredible way to make careers and job sites available through an interactive 360-degree experience. It allows students to be on top of a wind turbine, in an emergency room on an active wellsite, or in any of the other career environments' industry considers high demand for future workforce.

On February 3rd, I would invite you to the Memorial Hall for a demonstration of one such VR career exploration experience, Career ViewXR. There you will have an opportunity to explore virtual reality and meet some of our Career Academy students to see their excitement in the new game changing technology.

Support for HB 1232 is support for North Dakota's CTE growth and provides the ability to expand access to CTE programs for students across the state.

Sincerely,



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