



1 SB 2028 – Relating to Interim assessment of Students

2 Chairman Heinert, members of the committee. For the record my name is Kevin Hoherz – I am a  
3 representative for the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders working with all of our  
4 educational leaders in the state – including school administrators and directors.

5 This bill comes to you at the request of NDDPI. We come to you today in support of the current  
6 bill. That keeps in place district level protections of certain data to glean our full support.

7 On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, NDDPI, NDSBA, NDCEL, and members of legislative leadership got  
8 together at the capital to work through the bill. We came up with a common solution that satisfied  
9 all parties. This solution maintains the current practice of keeping interim data at the district level  
10 as it is an instrumental tool for teachers, not for statewide accountability, but it provides to the  
11 state the data they still need as the SLDS will house the needed information per the legislative  
12 intent. Districts would be able to share information if they wish with NDDPI through a data  
13 sharing agreement. Furthermore, legislators will always have the ability to have their questions  
14 answered and to have the data accessed to respond to such questions. You as individual legislators  
15 are always welcomed and encouraged to stop by the schools in your legislative district and have  
16 conversations with the leaders there and gain a greater understanding of what is happening at your  
17 schools.

18 We ask for your support on SB 2028 that all parties agreed upon in the best interest of our schools  
19 and students in North Dakota.