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Dear Senators,

I have been in education for 24 years, 16 as a science teacher and 8 years as an administrator. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 2260 because of concerns surrounding video surveillance and the requirements encompassing curriculum and lesson planning.

We currently are replacing our surveillance equipment with new equipment that brings our district into line with leading-edge technology through a grant process with North Dakota Department of Emergency Services. If we would have a single student opt out of video surveillance we might as well turn the system off. It would be impossible to not capture the video of a specific student without shutting down the system. Video surveillance is important in both investigation of events as well as a preemptive tool. I have worked with law enforcement multiple times on situations that have occurred near our building as well as within our building. Many times, events occur in unstructured activities or in areas where students know it is difficult for staff to cover, this is when video surveillance provides an additional barrier for safety for all of our students. Please do not allow a single parent to weaken the safety of all students in our building.

I have no issues with parents having access to materials and curriculum that are implemented, but to have a day by day set ahead of time as much as a week for every single document or lecture is also unworkable. Our curriculum is selected on the merit to meet state content standards and there is already a system in place for parents to request materials. Materials are sent home nightly to parents to provide feedback to parents or provide supplementary homework. This bill would restrict a teacher's ability to differentiate instruction in real-time because their students are lacking or excelling beyond the materials; let alone the daily distractions and activities that change a teacher's lesson plans, such as fire drills, classroom disruptions due to behavior, medical events or weather. It is time that we entrust our teachers to teach content standards and trust that they are highly qualified professionals.

I can not support this SB2260, I encourage you to vote no one this one.


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