

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in opposition of SB2260. As a teacher in a small rural school district I believe this bill has very many things that are nearly impossible for schools to handle. Public schools are already fully subject to open records and any parent that wants the information can have it. However, mandates like this are nearly impossible to manage. The state is already in an extreme teacher shortage. Making teachers' jobs far more difficult as this bill does, will exacerbate this problem.

Section1 would prohibit schools from using videos or surveillance without parental permission. If any parent refuses this would nearly make this impossible. If this law passes how will this effect school safety? Without surveillance cameras in and on school buildings, how do we as educators keep students safe? We live in a world where school shootings happen frequently and without the use of technology to survey the hallways and outside the buildings students may be harmed. As an educator I find the thought of that unacceptable.

Section 2 We need involvement here this section would require all teachers to release EVERY lesson plan and bit of curriculum they will use at least 7 days in advance to all parents. In all my years of teaching I do not believe I have ever followed a weekly lesson plan completely. As educators we can plan the best lessons and present it flawlessly and not every student will comprehend the information. I have discovered that flexibility is the key in teaching. I may discover that my students are missing a fundamental skill that is needed to understand a lesson. This may not be discovered until I am presenting the lesson. Having the ability to pivot and fill in educational gaps is an essential part of being a teacher. I feel this section will tie educators hands and not allow them the freedom to truly meet the needs of their students. This may also interfere with reteaching as needed because teachers will worry that they are not meeting teh expectations set in that week's lesson plan. This will not benefit the students of North Dakota.

Once again I urge you to please vote in opposition of SB2260. This bill will not benefit the studetns of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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