

To Whom It May Concern:

I am consistently astounded by the egregious lack of respect shown to American school teachers. Daily in America, schoolteachers and students face perilous risks by merely stepping across the thresholds onto their campuses. In 2022 alone, there were 300 shooting incidents on American school grounds. Additionally, American schools are grossly underfunded by nearly \$150 billion yearly.

American public schools are at a crossroad. Currently, more than three-quarters of U.S. states are experiencing severe teacher shortages. And why? Violence, underfunding, disgusting lunches, non-existent funding of the fine arts, lack of support and general empathy from administrative bodies.

What is North Dakota's response? Increased funding? Gun control? Instituting programs to improve the quality of food being served in public schools? Mental health programs? Funding of the arts?

Nope. Your response is to further bully teachers. SB2260 would require all teachers to release EVERY lesson plan and every bit of curriculum they will use at least seven days in advance to all parents. The same teachers that work for abysmally low pay. The same teachers that pay for their own supplies and materials (with that abysmal pay). The same teachers that serve as a safe place for abused and forgotten children. The same teachers that face the reality of a school shooter going on a bloody rampage on their campus on any given day.

Your incompetence to oversee and improve the state of public education in the United States never ceases to amaze me. Rest assured, the passing of SB2260 will drive the proverbial final nail in the coffin of public schools in North Dakota. Please expect pushback. Please expect throngs of dedicated teachers permanently quitting the classroom to pursue careers in fields where they're not monitored and treated like children themselves.

Expect massive, unprecedented teacher shortages in North Dakota. And be sure to thank yourselves and SB2260 when you gaze upon the empty chairs behind teachers' desk filled now with only ghosts.

Given the grim reality of American public schools, this bill is laughable.

Sincerely,

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