

I am kindergarten teacher in Scranton, North Dakota. I am 100% against bill SB 2260. I went back to school later in life to get my dream degree in teaching. I started school with two young kids and home and finished with three kids. I spent countless sleepless nights doing homework to earn my degree. I DO NOT think it is even a little bit okay for parents to tell me what they think is right for me to teach their students via the standards when they did not attend college for this. Standards are gibberish to them. I have parents tell me all the time; I don't know how you do it. So what I get out of that statement, is they have NO desire to be a classroom teacher, therefore, they did not go to school for that. Our parents know that if they have an issue or questing anything we do in our rooms/school, they can come in and talk to us about it. Sure, we have our general idea of what we are going to teach week-to-week, but we adapt our lessons to where our students are at any given moment during the day. The goal as educators is to meet our students where THEY are and get them to where THEY should/can be in the amount of time we have them. Please don't put extra pressure on us as educators to provide parents our lesson plans? That makes absolutely no sense. If you thought we had a teacher shortage before, pass this bill and it will get worse.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Bergstrom". The signature is written in black ink and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end of the name.

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