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Re: SB2260

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in opposition to SB2260. As educators, we went through a lot of education to become teachers, and we are continually going to trainings and taking classes to stay educated and improve our teaching every year. With the way teaching is now, teachers already have so much on their plates. Adding something that very few people will even look at does not make sense. We are already going through a teacher shortage, and it is hard to find high quality educators and substitute teachers as it is in North Dakota. We fear that if this bill were to pass that many good teachers would leave the profession because of an extra "thing" added. We also think it will discourage individuals who are thinking about having a career in teaching, as well.

Teachers are professionals just like many other occupations. They should be trusted to do their jobs to the best of their knowledge. Our administration holds us accountable with our lesson plans and ND standards. If a parent were to ask (which has never happened in our combined 25 years of teaching), they would be welcome to see our lesson plans/curriculum. If parents have concerns about the teaching material/curriculum, they are always welcome to contact the school or individual teacher. Also, at times not every lesson is able to get done as planned each week because of interruptions with weather, kids needing more time with the standard/lesson, and/or other short notice activities. As parents, as well as educators, we feel we should be spending more time on the education of our children and less time on this busy work. The extra time needed to accommodate this proposed bill should be used to differentiate for students that are struggling or above average. We already have a principal and a superintendent holding us accountable for following the standards by making yearly plans, turning in weekly lessons plans, making curriculum maps in all areas of learning to follow, as well as having PLCs and MTSS meetings to help us make sure we are meeting all the students' needs to the best of our abilities.

We strongly encourage you to oppose SB2260.

Thank you for your time,




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