



# Ellendale Public School

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March 21, 2023

RE: SB 2260

Honorable Mike Brandenburg  
Honorable Jim Grueneich

Dear District 28 Legislators:

I am writing on behalf of myself as I have been unable to visit with my School Board about SB 2260 bill. I think that they all would agree with me when I say that this is not a good bill for Ellendale Public School or for the rest of public schools in North Dakota. The very notion of the state legislature creating this mandate goes directly against the ideal of local control. And, here is a list of negative consequences to think about when it comes to this bad legislation.

- SB 2260, places an undo, and unnecessary burden on public school teachers and administrators to immediately respond to parent requests for information regardless of the breadth or timing of the request.
  - The bill requires administrators and teachers to provide parental access to each and every instructional material or resource to be used in the classroom at least 7 days prior to the start of the class.
  - The bill requires teachers regardless of grade level or subject area to create a syllabus that must include all topics and subjects to be taught, a list of all curriculum and materials to be used, and all educational activities that are part of the class.
  - This will require teachers to plan out the entire semester and/or school year.
  - The bill also requires teachers to permit a parent to review, copy AND record all class materials at least 3 days before use in the class. It is unclear from the bill exactly what "record" means.
  - Parents already have access to curriculum, as well as instructional and resource materials used by teachers under existing law and board policies.
  - This bill will allow parents to disrupt the school operations by submitting burdensome requests to the school which must be responded to within a very short amount of time.
  - The bill would place the burden on school districts to adopt procedures to inform parents of their rights relative to their own child.
- SB 2260 provides parents with the right to sue the school district if a teacher or administrator fails to comply with these burdensome requirements and parents would be able to recover their costs and attorney's fees.

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- This will encourage increased litigation against school districts funded by taxpayer dollars and will negatively impact public school budgets and the provision of quality education in North Dakota.
- SB 2260 will make it more difficult for schools to report suspected child abuse or neglect on the part of the child's parent.

Some in the South Dakota legislature tried to pass similar legislation there last year, and thankfully the South Dakota Senate Education committee killed that bill. I really think that this bill will drive teachers out of North Dakota because of the extra burdens that this will create. I am not sure if you are aware, that many of North Dakota's schools are already having a difficult time finding quality teachers. I believe you will lose teachers and administrators if this bill is passed.

Please do not support this bill, and encourage others to do the same. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to me. The number to school is 701 349-3232.

Yours in Education,

Chip Sundberg, Superintendent  
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