

March 21, 2023

House Human Services Committee ~

Honorable Committee Members:

**PLEASE VOTE NO on SB 2260**

I ask you to please VOTE NO on SB 2260. Our public school, along with all in North Dakota, have always supported parental rights when it comes to the education of their children. We have also always encouraged more parental engagement in their children's education. However, SB 2260 places such burdens on our public school teachers and administrators to have to immediately respond to parent requests for information regardless of the scope or timing of the request. To require teachers and administrators to have parental access to each and every piece of curriculum and resources within 7 days of the start of class, to have a syllabus including all topics, subjects, materials and activities that will be used in the class made at the start of the class, having teachers plan out an entire semester or school year leaves no encouragement for spontaneous/new ideas on the part of the teacher throughout the year, and having parents being able to review, copy and record material 3 days prior to each class is a monumental burden to place on teachers and administrators that are already overworked and trying to do their best job possible to educate the children. I also feel that this bill will set up public schools for more litigation and costly expenses along with it that take away from our taxpayer's dollars, that will negatively impact the school's budgets, which ultimately negatively impacts the education given to our students. I worry as to the difficulty it will be for schools to report suspected child abuse or neglect if the person in question is a parent of the child. We have such a hard time retaining and hiring teachers and administrators now, I can only imagine how much more difficult it will be as more and more expectations are put on them. We see too many leaving the profession now as it is. So I ask you to please VOTE NO on SB 2260.

Thank you for time.

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