

Good afternoon,

I am writing today to urge you to oppose SB 2260. We as educators work tirelessly everyday to provide an excellent education. We are constantly refining education standards, creating proficiency scales, and working hard on assessments for the children that we educate. We do this in our PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) with the guidance of the state of North Dakota. We are tasked daily with many other things as well, everything for helping students navigate conflicts with peers, to teaching social skills for everyday success that used to once be taught at home that are no longer (i.e. how to make friends, how to keep friends, how to ask for help if needed). Seeing the media put false narratives out there that other things are being taught or even discussed is so disheartening (i.e. gender identity etc..) I worry that if this bill passes our already shortage of teachers will only get worse...much much worse. Providing a lesson plan for every single lesson or curriculum to parents 7 days in advance just isn't feasible. This also takes away our ability to be able to teach something we may need to in order to make it a teachable moment (i.e. playground issue that we need to do a whole class lesson on but can't because we didn't submit a lesson plan to parents 7 days in advance). We have more on our plates as educators than ever before adding this will not help our teacher shortage. We went into the field of education to help kids learn and grow. Having a partnership with parents is so important and unfortunately, I feel like this bill only puts a divide there. Please don't believe everything you read or hear in the media...reach out to your local educators if you have concerns because I am confident you will find that what we are teaching are the things that we always have been...Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science, PE and Music.

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