

Greetings!

My name is Danielle Yon. I am a 8th year elementary art teacher in Dickinson, North Dakota.

I am AGAINST the senate bill 2260

Although I agree that parent involvement is key for student success, it is absolutely absurd for the families to have more power and say in the teaching profession than the trained and licensed professionals. As educators, we have worked hard for our bachelor, master, or doctorate level education degrees. For four or more years, we have painstakingly studied the best teaching pedagogies in preparation for teaching in the classroom. We continuously take ongoing training and classes to keep up to date with the best teaching processes possible. We need the public to know that school staff wants the very best for each student, and already strive for families to work along side the staff, taking interest in their students' learning journey. We want to create collaborative and grace filled relationships.

And because every student is unique, it is essential that education be a place of fluidity and change. Requiring lesson weeks in advance crushes the flexibility needed to adapt to students needs as they grow. Not only that do students change, but so does the school days. Some days classes will fly through lessons and content unscaved. But other times, lessons will not go as planned and will need remediation. There is no way to predict how students will absorb their learning content. Although students all are learning the same standards, teachers need the flexibility to adapt the information into way that work best for their unique classes.

For example, I teach art to 29 classrooms weekly. Grade 2-5 at three different schools. Although I plan that same topics for my 7 fourth grade classes, my lessons vary with what materials or processes are used. It all depending on the unique skills and abilities of each individual class. Some classes are more mature and able to abstractly discuss art, while other classes need more developing of fine motor skills. In addition, asking teachers to document every single activity for "approval" in the school day is a waste of the valuable teaching and lesson preparing time.

In conclusion, please vote against this bill. Let teachers use the school day time for teaching, instead of wasting time documenting and there are better ways for families to become involved in their student's education.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak,

Danielle