

I disapprove of SB 2260 for the following reasons-

1. I'm expected to plan out my year and not take into consideration sickness, absences, repeated lessons, weather, classroom pace, and unexpected interruptions thus tying my hands to my "required" year-long lesson plans leaving me with no room to accommodate my weekly lessons for these items mentioned, yet alone the academic levels and mental health of my students.
2. Already in the education world we worry about liability. For example, if a kid gets hurt on the playground or accidentally in my classroom, I must worry about the legality and liability of the situation. Now, I'm being held legally liable for changing the pace of instruction in my classroom to meet the needs of all my 2nd grade students. By the state of North Dakota making it easier to sue educators, why would they expect anyone to teach? We are in a teacher shortage as it is, especially in our rural community.
3. This bill is written in a way that we have no idea on how it will impact my schools' ability to keep children safe and free from the public having more access to individual records, the ability to refer to social services, or take further action to keep our youth safe; often time when they return to their own homes.

Currently in America there is much political turmoil and concern as to where education is heading with federal funding and stipulations. North Dakota has always been the state of reason and common sense rooted in good, strong, values no matter where the federal government has gone. This bill, and many more this session, has me concerned for our future on many levels; why is it the job of our schools to take the place of parents and constantly be held accountable when no other entity is?

Concerned and Disappointed,

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