

State Testimony SB2012

My name is Jill Olson, and I am an elementary school principal in Grafton, ND. I am in support of SB2012 and continued funds to support Best in Class programming in North Dakota. Our district has participated in Best in Class the past two school years. We have seen tremendous positive impacts for students, families, and educators. We believe providing high quality experiences to children and families at the preschool age is imperative for the safety, well-being, and success of our students. The developmentally appropriate programming and classroom environment, curriculum and assessments, and reduced class sizes have been instrumental in our students' success. We are already seeing positive results in students' early reading, math, and social, emotional assessments as they move from preschool to kindergarten. Students are transitioning into kindergarten with readiness skills we have not previously experienced prior to Best in Class. This directly and positively impacts our families.

We feel strongly that the Best in Class program is achieving its goal of providing the highest quality experiences to children and families. We sincerely hope that funding is continued to support the program.

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