



1 SB 2028 – Relating to Interim assessment of Students

2 Chairman Elkin, members of the committee. For the record my name is Dr. Aimee Copas – I am
3 the Executive Director for the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders) working with all of
4 our educational leaders in the state – including school administrators and directors.

5 This bill comes to you at the request of NDDPI. We come to you today in conditional support of
6 this bill. The only caveat being a minor amendment to the bill that keeps in place district level
7 protections of certain data to glean our full support.

8 On December 20th, 2022, NDDPI, NDSBA, NDCEL, and members of legislative leadership got
9 together at the capital to work through the bill. We came up with a common solution that satisfied
10 all parties. That solution is evident in the attached amendment. This amendment maintains the
11 current practice of keeping interim data at the district level as it is an instrumental tool for teachers,
12 not for statewide accountability, but it provides to the state the data they still need as the SLDS
13 will house the needed information per the legislative intent. Districts would be able to share
14 information if they wish with NDDPI through a data sharing agreement.

15 We ask that you review the amendment and consider this in your decision as the amendment
16 reflects what all parties agree are in the best interest of our schools and students in North Dakota.