



# North Dakota Small Organized Schools

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SB 2269 -Testimony In Support  
Senate Education Committee  
Senator Elkin – Chairperson  
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North Dakota Small Organized Schools stands in support of SB 2269 with the introduced amendments. The ND CDE has long been an important partner of North Dakota's schools. Once a way for schools to enhance their curriculum or add key electives, the CDE has become the source of required curriculum for some of our schools. As teacher shortages have become more of a factor our schools, especially NDSOS members have found CDE to be a valued partner in the education of North Dakota's students.

NDSOS has at the core of our mission the preservation of local control, believing decisions should be made closest to those impacted as possible. In the same way NDSOS would support a ND CDE Board of Education that would have decision making authority for the ND CDE. We would also recommend that the CDE Board have representation from small schools, large schools, regional education associations, higher education and other applicable education leadership within the state.

With these considerations and the support of Dr. Alyssa Martin and CTE Director Mr. Wayne Sick, NDSOS stands in support of SB 2269.

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