

As a mother of a transgender teen in the North Dakota Public School System, I strongly oppose SB 2260. Transgender children should be able to explore their gender identity, and schools are often a safe space to do so. This bill would remove a safe space for transgender children which can lead to a detriment effect on their mental health. In addition, this bill is also counter to other anti-LGBTQ+ bills being proposed this session, such as HB 1254 and 1301 which removes the parent's fundamental right to make decisions for their child with their medical doctor. SB 2260, HB 1254, and HB 1301 make no sense together. Please do not support this legislation as it is harmful and discriminates against transgender people.