



1 SB 2260

2 Testimony in Opposition

3 Chairperson Larson and members of the Judiciary Committee. For the record my name is
4 Kevin Hoherz, I am from the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders representing
5 school leaders across North Dakota. I come to you in opposition to SB 2260.

6 We believe parents are a vital piece of the educational puzzle. School districts should
7 reach out to parents and get their valuable input. Some of the components of this bill
8 are outlined already in some school board policies. There are some components outlined
9 in this bill are a concern and it should be up to the local school boards to accept the
10 policies that is a best fit for their districts.

11 A few areas that may be questionable are requiring permission from parents or informing
12 parents of a child's mental, physical, or emotional health. There are times Social Services
13 may need to visit with a child about abuse or unhealthy situations in the home. These
14 need to be done confidentially. Also, there are times for counselors or other behavioral
15 health school workers to establish trust with a student to get the student to open up to
16 be the best help to the student.

17 The review of the curriculum requirements in SB 2260 for a course seven days before the
18 course begins will cause hardships for our schools. Must courses have a syllabus that
19 outlines the course content and expectations for the semester or year. To have all course
20 expectations that may happen in April done in August more than likely will not be
21 accurate. There are "teachable" moments that occur often that are difficult to plan.



- 1 Teachers often adjust their curriculum and lessons throughout the year. They should be
- 2 able to do so freely as long as it is in conjunction with the course content standards.

- 3 Based on school operations we come out in opposition of SB 2260.