



## **Shanley High School**

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Dear Chairman Nathe and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you in reference to the HB1013, the Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of public instruction, and I would like to support DPI passthrough grant funding for North Dakota's writing project sites. As an educator, specifically a Secondary English teacher, it is vital for me to have these communities and programs to help foster and strengthen my skills to teach the youth how to develop the skills to write and critically think about the world around them.

This past summer, I was able to attend the APSI institute and engage with other teachers about the topic of AI and helping students learn how to navigate and responsibly use this tool for their learning. It was a great program to help us all understand our own perspectives, concerns, and excitement about various usages of these developing tools. It is crucial as a teacher to be able to have accessible programs like this, so we can grow and learn together. These conversations and learning opportunities helped me grow as an educator, and I have been able to bring back some of these ideas and practices not only to my classroom, but my fellow educators at my school as well.

Please vote in favor and pass the HB1013 Bill so that other educators like myself can continue to foster our skills as writing teachers. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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