

TESTIMONY ON HB 1133
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Upgren, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here on behalf of the department to speak in support of HB 1133.

NDCC 15-11 describes the qualifications and requirements for county superintendents of schools. The county superintendent of schools serves as the superintendent of every school in that county that county except for schools located in district that employ their own superintendent. The county superintendent may also assist in planning and coordination amongst school districts in that county and is also responsible for information regarding school district annexations, reorganizations, and dissolutions within that county.

NDCC 15.1-11-05 describes the process for the preservation of records by the county superintendent of schools. However, the text of this section uses the word “property” to describe those records, and HB 1133 cleans this language up to use the word “records.” We request that the committee give a “Do Pass” recommendation to HB 1133. Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee that concludes my prepared testimony and I will stand for any questions that you may have.