

1 HB1160 – Cell Phone Use – by Dr. Jeff Fastnacht, Superintendent, Bismarck Public  
2 School District

3 I am here to provide neutral testimony on HB 1160. I am providing neutral testimony  
4 because I am frustrated by technology and how it is affecting young people. That  
5 being said, I am also frustrated by how it is affecting full-grown adults.

6 Within the present version of the bill, I would ask for further clarity on a couple of  
7 items. First the words, “device belonging to a student”. Is that a device paid for by  
8 mom and dad or the school? I believe Dr. Copas and NDCEL has provided an  
9 amendment that we would support. I would ask you to consider it.

10 Secondly, I would argue that cell phone use and its management depends on the  
11 child's age and the learner's needs at that time. This bill is taking a vast brush to solve  
12 a layered problem. It may get the house painted but we are going to make a mess on  
13 the mop board and trim.