

Senate Education Committee  
SB 2400  
March 16, 2025

Chair Heinert, Vice Chair Schreiber-Beck, and members of the Committee,

As a taxpayer, active community member, and proud mother of two public school students, **I urge you to oppose SB 2400.** While this bill claims to support all students, its ultimate goal remains the same—diverting public funds to private schools. The estimated **\$60 million** cost in just the first year is an irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars, pulling from the same pot of money that funds our public schools and shifting critical resources away from the 93% of North Dakota’s children who rely on them.

Public education is the foundation of our communities, ensuring that every child has access to a quality education regardless of income or location. Repeated studies of voucher programs across the country show they do not improve student test scores—and in many cases, have led to declines in academic achievement. Meanwhile, these programs create long-term funding shortfalls, placing unnecessary strain on state budgets and taxpayers.

North Dakotans value strong, accountable, and well-funded public schools. **Please vote NO on SB 2400** and keep public funds where they belong—supporting the students in our public education system.

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