

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 1540. As a proud public school educator for 17+ years, I do not understand why we would take money away from an area that is so instrumental throughout our state and country. Public dollars should remain in public schools where we work hard to educate ALL individuals. North Dakotans have consistently opposed a voucher program - 68% of North Dakotas (according to an ND United survey) are opposed to giving public money for private schools) – why would you voting against what the majority of your people want? Please consider directing our public money into our public education system. The current 2% proposal per pupil K-12 is not enough. As a veteran educator, I have lived the increasing challenges, demands, and changes in our public system... passing this bill will have a significant negative impact on our public school system. I strongly urge you to issue a DO NOT PASS on HB 1540. Please stand up for ND students, families, and educators like me in preserving a strong public education system!