

Dear Senator,

My name is Michelle Murphy, I am a retired kindergarten teacher from District 20.

I am writing in opposition of HB 1540 because I believe it is the state's responsibility to continue full funding for public schools as they are meant for ALL students regardless of ability, background, or ability to pay.

If you choose to reduce funding small, rural schools they will struggle to retain or hire highly qualified teachers, provide extracurricular activities, offer advanced courses or services for mental health and special education.

If you choose to use public money for private schools, many communities, families and children will be left behind because there are no options for rural communities.

If you choose to use public money for private schools, my grandchildren will not have the same opportunities their parents did because too many cuts will need to be made.

Please vote no to ensure NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND OR LEFT OUT.

Thank you for your work, I know you are always trying to do the best for all of us.

Sincerely, Michelle Murphy