

HB 1540

To: ND Senate Education Committee

My own children send their children to private school because the family can afford to do so. They can also afford to take their children out for dinner or to access Door Dash. It would not a hardship if private school tuition increased.

Meanwhile I taught public school often taking extra snacks/meals to school for my students who often came to school hungry and some needed supplemental weekend meals. I have provided holiday meals for some student families who cannot afford a full Thanksgiving dinner.

And now you are weighing a \$4,000 voucher for private school students while questioning free meals for public school students?

Where is the logic? I recommend NOT moving HB 1540 forward but doing so with free public school meals.

Thank you
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