

Thank you, members of the Education Committee, for the opportunity to give my testimony. My name is Karen Krenz, I am from District 1 in Williston and a mother of three boys. I was a teacher and counselor for 23 years in ND. I am asking that you render a DO PASS for SB 2104.

Our state has seen how school districts have threatened to violated state century code; most of you are aware of the school district that made headlines for exactly that. Our state must hold school districts to a standard of adhering to century codes that have been passed, otherwise school districts can disobey the law. It is my duty as a citizen of the United States and a citizen of North Dakota to follow the law or pay the consequences. Isn't this also applicable to governmental agencies, such as school districts? Legislators work hard to draft bills and get them to the floor; school districts should be penalized for not complying. Students, teachers, administrators, parents, and in some cases our tax payer funds are all protected by adhering to century code put forth by our representatives.

This bill is beneficial to residents of the state since it gives them the opportunity to have their grievances heard and addressed. If this bill passes North Dakotans will feel valued and listened to by their Department of Instruction and school districts.

I stand for questions.

Karen Krenz