

My name is Judy Vinger

I am a mother of 5 and a grandmother of 19. I have been a childcare provider\preschool teacher in Williston ND for 45 years. My passion is the care and education of the children in Williston.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to render my support of "Do Pass" for SB 2104

I have had the opportunity to read through some of the surveys that are presented to the students in my school district ages 11-18, and was mortified at the questions asked. As a parent and grandparent it is my job to communicate and educate my children\grandchildren in the areas of faith, morality and private family dynamics. These surveys have no business taking that conversation out of the hands of families. Most of the personal questions have no bearing at all on education. Additionally no young child 5-10 should ever be expected to take surveys at all, as this is a very vulnerable age for them in terms of learning about the world. They should not be pressured to make decisions about life they have not experienced yet.

The bigger question is... to what purpose? Where do these surveys go? Where is the data saved? Who sees the answers? Will the information be used to label children or direct a child to seek answers outside of their family dynamic or feel their family is not normal?

It is my understanding that surveys are to be voluntary by century code, but it is also my understanding that this is not made clear to students; also, that families can opt out, but who and how is made aware of to parents? Likewise what parent actually sees the survey's questions if they are not alerted to them by someone who is in the know?

I am adamant that this type of family abuse stop immediately, and that safeguards be put in place that provide repercussion's to any third party agency, school administration or district that would defy a century code safeguarding our children against surveys. Without a penalty nothing will change.

With respect,

Judy Vinger