

TESTIMONY on SB2295

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Members of Senate Education Committee:

Please Vote NO on SB2295. North Dakota public schools have a right to be proud of their achievements, but they are always operating on something approaching a shoestring, and have trouble hiring and maintaining good teachers, and providing good curriculum. Locally our school has recently drastically cut its arts education program. Due to lack of funds.

No one should be requiring our school district to forward 50% of their state assistance to home-schooled students in their district, nor of course 75% to private schools for those enrolled there. As far as we can tell that is illegal. Article VIII section 5 of the ND Constitution states that “no money raised for the support of public schools shall be appropriated or used for the support of any sectarian school.”

People in my community who send their children to private schools, as we have in the past, are not in favor of that diversion of funding away from our public schools. Please recommend a Do Not Pass on HB2295. Thank you for your consideration.