

Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I'm writing in support of SB 2303 and school choice efforts in North Dakota.

My husband and I are homeowners in Minot. We have five children; four are school-age and enrolled full-time at Our Redeemer's Christian School in Minot. This is our fifth year sending our kids to private school—a choice that has been wonderful, both for our children and for our family.

More families deserve the ability to make this choice, if it suits them.

School choice has taken off in the United States in recent years, in the form of ESAs, voucher systems, and other bipartisan efforts in multiple states.

It's time for North Dakota to join the movement.

State dollars (upwards of 14k/student at my last knowledge) currently only benefit the public school system—those dollars **should** be benefitting the students they represent. Let the money follow the students, at the discretion of their families. Granting families access to an ESA or voucher—whatever it ultimately looks like—supports the kind of freedom North Dakotans deserve and will only stand to improve the educational landscape in the state by creating more competition for students and the attached funding.

President Trump has signaled he is strongly in favor of options like SB 2303 with his Executive Order last week—a move that should make funding a movement like this even more inexcusable for our state.

Please support school choice—and what's more, students and families—in North Dakota and vote mark SB 2303 as do pass.

Respectfully,
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