2023 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1116

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1116
1/20/2023

Relating to campaign contribution statements for candidates seeking a school district office.

Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing on HB 1116 at 10:00 AM. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Davis, Rep. Hager: Absent: Rep. Warrey

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Campaign reporting
- ND School Board Association
- School board elections

Rep. Hoverson: Introduced the bill. No written testimony

Deven Stzczynski: Testimony #13097, #14766

Alexis Baxley, ND School Boards Association: Testimony #12955

Additional written testimony:

Doug Sharbono, Citizen of, ND:Testimony #12578, #13222
Deven Styczynski: Testimony #13035
Jake Schmitz: Fargo, ND: Testimony #13459
Nicholas Sharp: Testimony #13294
Phyllis Magelky, M.S.CCC.SLP: Testimony #13961
Wendy White, Fargo, ND:. Testimony # 14460
Melanie Nicholas, Fargo, ND: Testimony #14510
Barbara Headrick, LWVND Board President: Testimony #14586
Kristin Sharbono: Testimony #14704
Matthew Kosak: Testimony #14718

Hearing closed at 10:19 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:38 AM for committee action.

Rep. Klemin moved a Do Not Pass;
Seconded by Rep. Ostlie

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	N
Representative Jonathan Warrey	A

Roll Call Vote: 11 Yes 2 No 1 Absent Carrier: Rep. Holle

Meeting closed 10:41 AM

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1116: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1116 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB 1116

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1116
3/16/2023

Relating to campaign contribution statements for candidates seeking a school district office.

9:10 AM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Exemption for small districts
- Requirement change

Rep Hoverson, Dist 3, bill sponsor testified in support with no written testimony.

Daren Styczynski, Fargo, ND, testified in support #25074.

Alexis Baxley, ND School Boards, testified neutral #25318.

Ericka White, Burleigh County election manager, testified neutral with no written testimony.

Additional written testimony:

Barbara Headrick, League of Women, Fargo, ND in support #24788.

9:45 AM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1116
3/24/2023

Relating to campaign contribution statements for candidates seeking a school district office.

3:10 PM Chair Roers opened committee work. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Sen Barta moved a DO NOT PASS.

Sen Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Braunberger will carry the bill.

3:11 PM Chair Roers adjourned the meeting.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1116: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1116 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

HB 1116

Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1116
in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1116 is needed legislation to bring uniformity to the current campaign finance laws between various elected office holders.

Currently, school board candidates do not have to disclose their campaign finances. Although I do not perceive this legislation to be as large of a need in greater North Dakota, it is necessary in the larger school districts such as Fargo and Grand Forks. Significant monies from out of state were used for the current Fargo school board members recently elected, while those who were not elected had largely in-state donors. I believe the public deserves to know the candidate's campaign finance contributions and where this support originated.

HB1116 will make good policy.

Thank you,

Douglas B. Sharbono

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HB 1116
House Political Subdivisions
January 12, 2023
Testimony of Alexis Baxley

Good afternoon Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 170 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

NDSBA is supportive of election transparency. I would however like to propose what I view as a small amendment to HB 1116. I appreciate that Representative Hoverson included the population limitation in section 5, which is in alignment with the requirements of city and county officials. However, population of a school district is a more complicated number to figure than in a city or county. We know where our kids are – we do not always know the population of other properties within a school district. As you know, school districts do not always neatly follow the boarders of cities or counties. In fact, I am aware of at least one school district that includes territory in eight – yes eight – different counties. Calculating district population would likely require school business managers to work with multiple county auditors to tally a population number. I believe it would be much simpler and more efficient to base the exemption number on district enrollment. This data is readily available to districts, and certainly a number we know. I have included in my testimony North Dakota city populations from the 2020 census. I have also included public school district enrollment from the fall of this current school year. I believe an equivalent enrollment number would be 1,000 students. The suggested amendment language references the "September tenth fall enrollment report." School districts file this report annually, and it is the enrollment number used to calculate a district's state aid.

We do appreciate the language requiring submission of the statement to the school district business manager. This is appropriate because business managers already collect school board candidates' statements of intent and other election documents.

I will stand for any questions.

HB 1116, NDSBA proposed amendment

Page 3, 16.1-08.1-02.3, sub 5

5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section. A candidate for school district office in a school district with an enrollment of less than 1,000 students as reflected in the district's most recent September tenth fall enrollment report ~~a population under five thousand~~ and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.

North Dakota 2020 Census
Population by City

105	Fargo city	125,990	261	Pembina city	512	316	Streeter city	149	41	Briarwood city	57
35	Bismarck city	73,622	114	Forman city	509	348	Willow City city	149	64	Cleveland city	57
137	Grand Forks city	59,166	31	Berthold city	490	205	Makoti city	148	273	Prairie Rose city	56
226	Minot city	48,377	286	Rolette city	484	174	Kensal city	146	248	North River city	55
343	West Fargo city	38,626	16	Argusville city	480	54	Carpio city	144	340	Warwick city	55
347	Williston city	29,160	326	Towner city	479	195	Lignite city	141	4	Alamo city	53
83	Dickinson city	25,679	106	Fessenden city	462	69	Columbus city	139	135	Grace City city	53
206	Mandan city	24,206	355	Wyndmere city	454	94	Edmore city	139	246	Nome city	51
169	Jamestown city	15,849	99	Emerado city	443	38	Bowdon city	137	141	Great Bend city	49
336	Wahpeton city	8,007	190	Leeds city	442	247	Noonan city	137	285	Rogers city	49
81	Devils Lake city	7,192	130	Glenburn city	404	324	Tolna city	136	25	Bathgate city	47
331	Valley City city	6,575	204	Maddock city	402	330	Upham city	135	147	Hamilton city	46
342	Watford City city	6,207	108	Finley city	401	351	Wing city	132	245	Niagara city	46
196	Lincoln city	4,257	306	South Heart city	394	124	Gardner city	129	335	Voltaire city	46
136	Grafton city	4,170	218	McVille city	392	3	Adams city	127	354	Woodworth city	44
165	Horace city	3,085	272	Powers Lake city	385	297	Selfridge city	127	353	Wolford city	43
32	Beulah city	3,058	255	Oxbow city	381	150	Hannaford city	126	82	Dickey city	42
243	New Town city	2,764	315	Strasburg city	379	210	Marion city	125	6	Alice city	41
289	Rugby city	2,509	208	Manvel city	377	257	Palermo city	125	183	Landa city	41
57	Casselton city	2,479	344	Westhope city	374	270	Portal city	125	267	Pingree city	41
311	Stanley city	2,321	180	Kulm city	368	275	Reeder city	125	323	Tolley city	41
159	Hazen city	2,281	312	Stanton city	368	265	Pick City city	123	24	Barney city	40
198	Lisbon city	2,204	49	Buxton city	348	220	Medora city	121	60	Cayuga city	40
322	Tioga city	2,202	237	Neche city	344	122	Galesburg city	118	224	Milton city	39
36	Bottineau city	2,194	104	Fairmount city	343	75	Crystal city	116	118	Fredonia city	38
55	Carrington city	2,080	166	Hunter city	332	346	Wildrose city	115	168	Inkster city	38
184	Langdon city	1,909	213	Max city	331	252	Oriska city	114	305	Souris city	37
215	Mayville city	1,854	18	Arthur city	328	73	Crary city	113	308	Springbrook city	37
250	Oakes city	1,798	310	St. Thomas city	323	34	Bisbee city	110	72	Courtenay city	36
153	Harvey city	1,650	216	McClusky city	322	113	Forest River city	109	111	Forbes city	36
162	Hillsboro city	1,649	309	St. John city	322	292	Ryder city	108	283	Robinson city	36
39	Bowman city	1,470	5	Alexander city	319	134	Goodrich city	106	276	Regan city	35
125	Garrison city	1,462	295	Sawyer city	319	253	Osnabrock city	105	43	Brocket city	34
258	Park River city	1,424	37	Bowbells city	301	318	Sykeston city	105	8	Alsen city	32
241	New Rockford city	1,361	87	Drake city	292	185	Lankin city	102	95	Egeland city	32
317	Surrey city	1,357	17	Arnegard city	282	211	Marmarth city	101	15	Ardoch city	31
209	Mapleton city	1,320	121	Gackle city	281	251	Oberon city	101	30	Berlin city	31
341	Washburn city	1,300	279	Reynolds city	277	7	Almont city	100	53	Canton City (Hensel)	31
47	Burlington city	1,291	164	Hope city	272	313	Starkweather city	100	238	Nekoma city	31
187	Larimore city	1,260	128	Gladstone city	271	345	White Earth city	100	42	Brinsmade city	30
59	Cavalier city	1,246	325	Tower City city	268	307	Spiritwood Lake city	97	65	Clifford city	30
287	Rolla city	1,223	219	Medina city	264	244	Newburg city	96	103	Fairdale city	30
97	Ellendale city	1,125	222	Michigan City city	263	288	Ross city	95	117	Fortuna city	30
52	Cando city	1,117	337	Walcott city	262	300	Sheldon city	95	229	Monango city	30
321	Thompson city	1,101	296	Scranton city	258	79	Deering city	94	148	Hampden city	29
332	Velva city	1,086	76	Davenport city	256	131	Glenfield city	94	192	Leith city	28
161	Hettinger city	1,074	56	Carson city	254	284	Rocklake city	94	203	Luverne city	28
197	Linton city	1,071	193	Leonard city	248	86	Douglas city	93	189	Leal city	27
74	Crosby city	1,065	163	Hoople city	247	107	Fingal city	92	9	Ambrose city	24
27	Belfield city	996	2	Abercrombie city	244	102	Esmond city	91	11	Amidon city	24
71	Cooperstown city	983	127	Gilby city	243	115	Fort Ransom city	91	98	Elliott city	24
249	Northwood city	982	145	Halliday city	241	84	Dodge city	89	123	Gardena city	24
26	Beach city	981	140	Granville city	240	214	Maxbass city	89	179	Kramer city	24
242	New Salem city	973	186	Lansford city	238	268	Pisek city	89	14	Antler city	22
173	Kenmare city	961	13	Aneta city	234	221	Mercer city	88	178	Knox city	22
259	Parshall city	949	12	Anamoose city	230	44	Buchanan city	87	126	Gascoyne city	21
176	Killdeer city	939	320	Taylor city	230	171	Karlsruhe city	87	235	Mylo city	21
143	Gwinner city	924	89	Dunn Center city	227	299	Sharon city	86	333	Venturia city	21
149	Hankinson city	921	158	Hazelton city	223	10	Amenia city	85	21	Balfour city	20
339	Walhalla city	893	282	Riverdale city	223	230	Montpelier city	85	58	Cathay city	20
177	Kindred city	889	142	Grenora city	221	101	Epping city	84	303	Sibley city	19
100	Enderlin city	881	357	Zap city	221	133	Golva city	84	40	Braddock city	18
352	Wishek city	864	240	New Leipzig city	218	358	Zeeland city	82	45	Bucyrus city	18
154	Harwood city	794	109	Flasher city	217	191	Lehr city	81	356	York city	17
160	Hebron city	794	319	Tappen city	217	91	Dwight city	80	294	Sarles city	16
329	Underwood city	784	269	Plaza city	211	233	Mountain city	80	51	Calvin city	15
182	LaMoure city	764	112	Fordville city	207	78	Dazey city	78	70	Conway city	15
88	Drayton city	757	93	Edinburg city	199	85	Donnybrook city	75	152	Hansboro city	15
236	Napoleon city	749	225	Minnewaukan city	199	260	Pekin city	75	157	Haynes city	15
274	Ray city	740	46	Buffalo city	195	77	Dawson city	74	188	Lawton city	15
129	Glen Ullin city	732	119	Frontier city	195	66	Cogswell city	73	202	Ludden city	15
349	Wilton city	718	301	Sherwood city	194	48	Butte city	70	266	Pillsbury city	12
155	Hatton city	712	132	Golden Valley city	191	144	Hague city	70	20	Ayr city	11
278	Reile's Acres city	703	234	Munich city	190	304	Solen city	70	146	Hamberg city	11
228	Mohall city	694	256	Page city	190	28	Benedict city	68	29	Bergen city	10
281	Richardton city	692	138	Grandin city	186	156	Havana city	67	200	Loma city	10
181	Lakota city	683	302	Sheyenne city	186	207	Mantador city	67	254	Overly city	10
239	New England city	683	80	Des Lacs city	185	22	Balta city	66	338	Wales city	10
314	Steele city	665	350	Wimbledon city	178	172	Kathryn city	66	63	Churchs Ferry city	9
232	Mott city	653	231	Mooreton city	177	170	Jud city	65	139	Grano city	9
90	Dunseith city	632	116	Fort Yates city	176	167	Hurdsfield city	64	201	Loraine city	9
223	Milnor city	624	68	Colfax city	172	217	McHenry city	64	50	Calio city	8
227	Minto city	616	33	Binford city	170	212	Martin city	63	151	Hannah city	8
19	Ashley city	613	277	Regent city	170	120	Fullerton city	62	175	Kief city	8
194	Lidgerwood city	600	199	Litchville city	169	298	Sentinel Butte city	61	23	Bantry city	6
61	Center city	588	291	Rutland city	163	110	Flaxton city	60	262	Perth city	6
92	Edgeley city	585	263	Petersburg city	162	264	Pettibone city	60	290	Ruso city	1
271	Portland city	578	293	Sanborn city	161	328	Tuttle city	60			
96	Elgin city	543	280	Rhame city	158	67	Coleharbor city	59			
327	Turtle Lake city	542	62	Christine city	151	334	Verona city	59			

Public School District Fall Enrollment 2022-23
By School District

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
08-001	Bismarck 1	13,632
09-006	West Fargo 6	12,491
09-001	Fargo 1	11,288
51-001	Minot 1	7,561
18-001	Grand Forks 1	7,440
53-007	Williston Basin 7	5,292
30-001	Mandan 1	4,277
45-001	Dickinson 1	3,875
47-001	Jamestown 1	2,145
27-001	McKenzie Co 1	2,003
36-001	Devils Lake 1	1,682
40-007	Belcourt 7	1,538
39-037	Wahpeton 37	1,186
02-002	Valley City 2	1,027
09-017	Central Cass 17	1,000
31-001	New Town 1	987
09-002	Kindred 2	883
50-018	Grafton 18	878
29-027	Beulah 27	753
31-002	Stanley 2	753
51-007	United 7	670
09-097	Northern Cass 97	659
05-001	Bottineau 1	654
18-061	Thompson 61	653
37-019	Lisbon 19	628
13-016	Killdeer 16	601
51-004	Nedrose 4	576
16-049	Carrington 49	571
35-005	Rugby 5	571
29-003	Hazen 3	560
40-001	Dunseith 1	527
53-015	Tioga 15	516
51-070	South Prairie 70	510
49-014	May-Port CG 14	504
49-009	Hillsboro 9	501
11-041	Oakes 41	478
06-001	Bowman Co 1	461
50-008	Park River Area 8	448
25-001	Velva 1	437
40-003	St John 3	430
53-002	Nesson 2	421
10-023	Langdon Area 23	408
51-041	Surrey 41	407
52-038	Harvey 38	394
34-006	Cavalier 6	391
45-009	South Heart 9	388
51-161	Lewis and Clark 161	384
12-001	Divide County 1	381
18-044	Larimore 44	368
28-051	Garrison 51	366
22-001	Kidder County 1	365
30-049	New Salem-Almont 49	363
11-040	Ellendale 40	335
25-060	TGU 60	335
18-129	Northwood 129	334
53-006	Eight Mile 6	325
28-004	Washburn 4	321

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
27-002	Alexander 2	306
14-002	New Rockford-Sheyenne 2	302
37-024	Enderlin Area 24	302
34-100	North Border 100	300
38-001	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 1	297
45-034	Richardton-Taylor 34	297
50-020	Minto 20	284
51-028	Kenmare 28	284
48-010	North Star 10	279
32-001	Dakota Prairie 1	278
03-005	Minnewaukan 5	276
01-013	Hettinger 13	275
39-044	Richland 44	273
30-039	Flasher 39	271
31-003	Parshall 3	269
39-042	Wyndmere 42	263
21-009	New England 9	262
28-001	Wilton 1	259
23-008	LaMoure 8	253
17-003	Beach 3	251
45-013	Belfield 13	251
20-018	Griggs County Central 18	249
23-003	Edgeley 3	244
40-004	Mt Pleasant 4	244
24-002	Napoleon 2	239
38-026	Glenburn 26	235
33-001	Center-Stanton 1	234
21-001	Mott-Regent 1	233
39-008	Hankinson 8	233
15-036	Linton 36	230
02-007	Barnes County North 7	229
07-027	Powers Lake 27	227
09-004	Maple Valley 4	227
26-019	Wishek 19	212
41-002	Milnor 2	207
43-003	Solen 3	207
03-029	Warwick 29	204
47-003	Medina 3	202
28-008	Underwood 8	201
49-003	Central Valley 3	200
09-007	Mapleton 7	195
28-085	White Shield 85	188
18-128	Midway 128	183
34-118	Valley-Edinburg 118	183
32-066	Lakota 66	182
39-028	Lidgerwood 28	182
03-030	Ft Totten 30	181
27-036	Mandaree 36	177
41-003	North Sargent 3	177
49-007	Hatton Eielson 7	177
18-125	Manvel 125	172
41-006	Sargent Central 6	172
20-007	Midkota 7	169
28-072	Turtle Lake-Mercer 72	169
34-019	Drayton 19	167
52-025	Fessenden-Bowdon 25	166
53-099	Grenora 99	160

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
47-010	Pingree-Buchanan 10	156
30-013	Hebron 13	154
09-085	Hope-Page 85	152
19-049	Elgin-New Leipzig 49	152
30-048	Glen Ullin 48	152
28-050	Max 50	148
05-017	Westhope 17	147
15-006	Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock 6	137
06-033	Scranton 33	136
40-029	Rolette 29	134
26-009	Ashley 9	129
02-046	Litchville-Marion 46	128
03-009	Maddock 9	122
03-006	Leeds 6	120
15-015	Strasburg 15	117
23-007	Kulm 7	113
42-019	McClusky 19	113
47-014	Montpelier 14	110
24-056	Gackle-Streeter 56	101
39-018	Fairmount 18	101
18-127	Emerado 127	96
04-001	Billings Co 1	95
27-014	Yellowstone 14	92
10-019	Munich 19	90
46-019	Finley-Sharon 19	90
07-014	Bowbells 14	87
07-036	Burke Central 36	80
05-054	Newburg-United 54	74
43-008	Selfridge 8	74
25-057	Drake 57	73
25-014	Anamoose 14	71
08-028	Wing 28	70
08-039	Apple Creek 39	68
51-016	Sawyer 16	64
08-033	Menoken 33	58
13-037	Twin Buttes 37	51
19-018	Roosevelt 18	49
36-044	Starkweather 44	48
50-005	Fordville-Lankin 5	46
03-016	Oberon 16	45
43-004	Ft Yates 4	44
08-025	Naughton 25	27
26-004	Zeeland 4	27
30-004	Little Heart 4	27
17-006	Lone Tree 6	26
47-019	Kensal 19	26
30-017	Sweet Briar 17	25
36-002	Edmore 2	25
37-006	Ft Ransom 6	22
08-045	Manning 45	21
44-012	Marmarth 12	21
08-035	Sterling 35	16
27-032	Horse Creek 32	12
15-010	Bakker 10	2
13-019	Halliday 19	
42-016	Goodrich 16	
	Total	97,932

HB 1116 Testimony

Statement of Intent: The intent of this legislation is to require campaign finance reporting for school board elections with the goal of increasing election transparency.

School Board Campaign Finance Reporting Resolution

The intent of this bill is to amend section 15.1-09-08, 16.1-05.1-02.3, and 16.1-08.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code to include language and references for required financial reporting for school board candidates and groups funding those candidates.

Whereas, section 15.1-09-07 states; "Unless otherwise provided by law, a school district election must be conducted and the votes must be canvassed in the same manner as in the election of county officers."

Whereas, the instruction document provided by the Secretary of State office titled *Running for County & Multi-County District Office* under the section titled *Campaign Finance and Disclosure* states; "Candidates for county offices must file financial disclosure statements pursuant to subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3."

Whereas, subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3 states; "A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the secretary of state."

An amendment agreed upon by the North Dakota School Board Association is a language change due to the nature of school districting. The current addition of language in Section 5 on Page 3 currently reads "A candidate for school district office in a school district with a ~~population under five thousand~~ and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section". The amendment would change the language to read as follows, "A candidate for school district office in a school district with a fall student enrollment total under five hundred students and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section."

Passing this bill with the agreed upon amendment would appropriately reflect the original intent of sections of century code that require campaign finance reporting.

Thank you,

Deven Styczynski

HB 1116 Testimony

Statement of Intent: The intent of this legislation is to require campaign finance reporting for school board elections with the goal of increasing election transparency.

School Board Campaign Finance Reporting Resolution

The intent of this bill is to amend section 15.1-09-08, 16.1-05.1-02.3, and 16.1-08.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code to include language and references for required financial reporting for school board candidates and groups funding those candidates.

Whereas, section 15.1-09-07 states; "Unless otherwise provided by law, a school district election must be conducted and the votes must be canvassed in the same manner as in the election of county officers."

Whereas, the instruction document provided by the Secretary of State office titled *Running for County & Multi-County District Office* under the section titled *Campaign Finance and Disclosure* states; "Candidates for county offices must file financial disclosure statements pursuant to subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3."

Whereas, subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3 states; "A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the secretary of state."

An amendment agreed upon by the North Dakota School Board Association is a language change due to the nature of school districting. The current addition of language in Section 5 on Page 3 currently reads "A candidate for school district office in a school district with a ~~population under five thousand~~ and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section". The amendment would change the language to read as follows, "A candidate for school district office in a school district with a fall student enrollment total under five hundred students and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section."

Passing this bill with the agreed upon amendment would appropriately reflect the original intent of sections of century code that require campaign finance reporting.

Thank you,

Deven Styczynski

Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1116
in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1116 is needed legislation to bring uniformity to the current campaign finance laws between various elected office holders.

Currently, school board candidates do not have to disclose their campaign finances. Although I do not perceive this legislation to be as large of a need in greater North Dakota, it is necessary in the larger school districts such as Fargo and Grand Forks. Significant monies from out of state were used for the current Fargo school board members recently elected, while those who were not elected had largely in-state donors. I believe the public deserves to know the candidate's campaign finance contributions and where this support originated.

HB1116 is the superior bill between two bills addressing this issue because of investment of its proponents. HB1116 was initially authored in July 2022, and its sponsor and citizen-advocates are invested in its passage.

HB1116 will make good policy.

Thank you,

Douglas B. Sharbono

Doug Sharbono
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To the Chairman and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

As a citizen of the state of North Dakota, I believe HB1116 is sound and necessary legislation to bring fairness to school board campaign financing and to bring said campaign financing in line with subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3.

School board candidates are currently exempt from Century Code statutes regarding disclosure of campaign financing and have not been require to disclose their campaign finances. School board candidates should be held to the same standards as any other elected official. The public has the right to know how candidates for all elected positions are being funded, especially those that receive their funding largely from out of state, including school board candidates. I believe it is in the best interest of every citizen of North Dakota to pass HB1116 and increase the transparency regarding school board candidate campaign funding.

Please vote to pass HB1116.

Thank you,

Nick Sharp

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- Owner of Freedom Chiropractic Health Center in Fargo
- Founder and president of the Association of Wellness Chiropractors
- Business co-owner of several entities in ND involving land, minerals, water, and real estate
- Associates degree at Williston State College, BS in Chemistry at Dickinson State University, Doctor of Chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University, Master's degree in Human Nutrition and Functional Medicine at University of Western States, and finishing Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition at University of Western States
- Married with 4 children

Chairman Longmuir, Representatives of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Dr. Jake Schmitz, and I am representing myself as a licensed chiropractor in the state of North Dakota (ND). I have been a practicing chiropractor in Fargo for around 11 years. I support the proposed bill HB 1116.

This bill is simple. It clarifies the statute pertaining to elections, requiring those individuals running for school board positions to file campaign contribution statements, the same way all those who run for public office do. The fact this hasn't been happening already shows the need for this to be written into the Century Code.

One glaring issue with this not being spelled out in Century Code is the use of union/association funds to help certain candidates get elected. Using the Fargo School Board election of 2022 as an example, the Fargo Education Association (FEA) contributed a portion of the dues collected by the teachers to campaign on behalf of a select group of candidates. Not only is this inappropriate, but it wasn't reported. The FEA did a social media push, campaigned to the public, and helped get four of their five selected candidates elected to the Fargo School Board, granting an unfair advantage.

The amount contributed, percentage of dues used to campaign, or where the money was spent has been hidden and kept secret. Open Record Laws do not pertain to private associations since school board elections have somehow slipped under the radar all these years. It is time to bring this all back into the light and allow for full transparency of school board elections!

Please vote a DO PASS for HB 1116. In the interest of public transparency, keeping elections pure, and allowing for equal footing for all candidates who run for public office.

Thank you for your time.

Maximum blessings,

Dr. Jake Schmitz

Dr. Jake Schmitz

January 17, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of this bill. I agree that people running for the school board positions in the state follow the same requirements as other representatives in our state. I honestly also do not believe that the teacher's unions should be involved in financing, although, I realize that is not part of this bill. At the very least, to be transparent in who's donating money to which candidates.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Phyllis Magelky, M.S. CCC-SLP

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

As a citizen and parent in the state of North Dakota, I absolutely believe HB1116 is needed legislation to bring transparency and fairness to school board campaigns.

I am uncertain how the school board has skirted by not having to disclose their campaign finances for so long. I feel it should not be any different than a candidate for city office who is required to file a statement. It should most certainly be considered for larger school districts such as Fargo and Grand Forks. I believe the public deserves to know the candidate's campaign finance contributions and where/ whom this support originated.

Please vote to pass HB1116.

Thank you,

Wendy M. White

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January 19, 2023

To Chairman Longmuir and Representatives of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:

My name is Melanie Nichols and I have two children enrolled in the Fargo Public School District. I strongly support the proposed bill HB 1116. I believe Dr. Jake Schmitz said it best with the following statement from his written testimony: "Please vote a DO PASS for HB 1116. In the interest of public transparency, keeping elections pure, and allowing for equal footing for all candidates who run for public office."

School Board elections are LOCAL and I prefer to vote for candidates receiving in-state funding only. The passing of HB 1116 would allow me to review the campaign finance contributions of all school board candidates to aid in making my decision at the ballot box. Bottom line, transparency and equal footing is in the best interest of all voters...and candidates.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Respectfully,

Melanie Nichols

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TESTIMONY on HB 1116
from the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA
to the
ND House Political Subdivisions Committee
January 20th, 2023

The League of Women Voters of North Dakota (LWVND) submits this testimony in support of House Bill 1116. We appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective.

HB 1116 amends a section of the ND Century Code so that candidates for school district office (in school districts with a population of 5,000 or more) will be required to submit campaign contribution statements.

LWVND supports this bill for three reasons. The bill:

1) ensures that candidates for school district office are held to the same standard of financial transparency and compliance as candidates for other public offices in North Dakota,

2) gives school district voters an additional, and important, piece of information when deciding on preferred candidates,

3) is consistent with the LWVND's focus on empowering voters.

We understand that a similar bill, HB 1257, introduced by Representative Conmy, connects the campaign contribution statement requirement to the fall school enrollment number rather than district population. We hope the Committee will consult with the ND Secretary of State and/or the ND School Boards Association to determine the most appropriate standard for this requirement.

LWVND wishes to thank Representative Hoverson for his sponsorship of this bill, and we ask the Committee to vote in its favor.

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HB 1116
House Political Subdivisions
January 19, 2023
Testimony of Alexis Baxley

Good morning Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 170 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

NDSBA is supportive of election transparency. I would however like to propose what I view as a small amendment to HB 1116. I appreciate that Representative Hoverson included the population limitation in section 5, which is in alignment with the requirements of city and county officials. However, population of a school district is a more complicated number to figure than in a city or county. We know where our kids are – we do not always know the population of other properties within a school district. As you know, school districts do not always neatly follow the boarders of cities or counties. In fact, I am aware of at least one school district that includes territory in eight – yes eight – different counties. Calculating district population would likely require school business managers to work with multiple county auditors to tally a population number. I believe it would be much simpler and more efficient to base the exemption number on district enrollment. This data is readily available to districts, and certainly a number we know. I have included in my testimony North Dakota city populations from the 2020 census. I have also included public school district enrollment from the fall of this current school year. I believe an equivalent enrollment number would be 1,000 students. The suggested amendment language references the "September tenth fall enrollment report." School districts file this report annually, and it is the enrollment number used to calculate a district's state aid.

We do appreciate the language requiring submission of the statement to the school district business manager. This is appropriate because business managers already collect school board candidates' statements of intent and other election documents.

I will stand for any questions.

HB 1116, NDSBA proposed amendment

Page 3, 16.1-08.1-02.3, sub 5

5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section. A candidate for school district office in a school district with an enrollment of less than 1,000 students as reflected in the district's most recent September tenth fall enrollment report ~~a population under five thousand~~ and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.

North Dakota 2020 Census
Population by City

105	Fargo city	125,990	261	Pembina city	512	316	Streeter city	149	41	Briarwood city	57
35	Bismarck city	73,622	114	Forman city	509	348	Willow City city	149	64	Cleveland city	57
137	Grand Forks city	59,166	31	Berthold city	490	205	Makoti city	148	273	Prairie Rose city	56
226	Minot city	48,377	286	Rolette city	484	174	Kensal city	146	248	North River city	55
343	West Fargo city	38,626	16	Argusville city	480	54	Carpio city	144	340	Warwick city	55
347	Williston city	29,160	326	Towner city	479	195	Lignite city	141	4	Alamo city	53
83	Dickinson city	25,679	106	Fessenden city	462	69	Columbus city	139	135	Grace City city	53
206	Mandan city	24,206	355	Wyndmere city	454	94	Edmore city	139	246	Nome city	51
169	Jamestown city	15,849	99	Emerado city	443	38	Bowdon city	137	141	Great Bend city	49
336	Wahpeton city	8,007	190	Leeds city	442	247	Noonan city	137	285	Rogers city	49
81	Devils Lake city	7,192	130	Glenburn city	404	324	Tolna city	136	25	Bathgate city	47
331	Valley City city	6,575	204	Maddock city	402	330	Upham city	135	147	Hamilton city	46
342	Watford City city	6,207	108	Finley city	401	351	Wing city	132	245	Niagara city	46
196	Lincoln city	4,257	306	South Heart city	394	124	Gardner city	129	335	Voltaire city	46
136	Grafton city	4,170	218	McVille city	392	3	Adams city	127	354	Woodworth city	44
165	Horace city	3,085	272	Powers Lake city	385	297	Selfridge city	127	353	Wolford city	43
32	Beulah city	3,058	255	Oxbow city	381	150	Hannaford city	126	82	Dickey city	42
243	New Town city	2,764	315	Strasburg city	379	210	Marion city	125	6	Alice city	41
289	Rugby city	2,509	208	Manvel city	377	257	Palermo city	125	183	Landa city	41
57	Casselton city	2,479	344	Westhope city	374	270	Portal city	125	267	Pingree city	41
311	Stanley city	2,321	180	Kulm city	368	275	Reeder city	125	323	Tolley city	41
159	Hazen city	2,281	312	Stanton city	368	265	Pick City city	123	24	Barney city	40
198	Lisbon city	2,204	49	Buxton city	348	220	Medora city	121	60	Cayuga city	40
322	Tioga city	2,202	237	Neche city	344	122	Galesburg city	118	224	Milton city	39
36	Bottineau city	2,194	104	Fairmount city	343	75	Crystal city	116	118	Fredonia city	38
55	Carrington city	2,080	166	Hunter city	332	346	Wildrose city	115	168	Inkster city	38
184	Langdon city	1,909	213	Max city	331	252	Oriska city	114	305	Souris city	37
215	Mayville city	1,854	18	Arthur city	328	73	Crary city	113	308	Springbrook city	37
250	Oakes city	1,798	310	St. Thomas city	323	34	Bisbee city	110	72	Courtenay city	36
153	Harvey city	1,650	216	McClusky city	322	113	Forest River city	109	111	Forbes city	36
162	Hillsboro city	1,649	309	St. John city	322	292	Ryder city	108	283	Robinson city	36
39	Bowman city	1,470	5	Alexander city	319	134	Goodrich city	106	276	Regan city	35
125	Garrison city	1,462	295	Sawyer city	319	253	Osnabrock city	105	43	Brocket city	34
258	Park River city	1,424	37	Bowbells city	301	318	Sykeston city	105	8	Alsen city	32
241	New Rockford city	1,361	87	Drake city	292	185	Lankin city	102	95	Egeland city	32
317	Surrey city	1,357	17	Arnegard city	282	211	Marmarth city	101	15	Ardoch city	31
209	Mapleton city	1,320	121	Gackle city	281	251	Oberon city	101	30	Berlin city	31
341	Washburn city	1,300	279	Reynolds city	277	7	Almont city	100	53	Canton City (Hensel)	31
47	Burlington city	1,291	164	Hope city	272	313	Starkweather city	100	238	Nekoma city	31
187	Larimore city	1,260	128	Gladstone city	271	345	White Earth city	100	42	Brinsmade city	30
59	Cavalier city	1,246	325	Tower City city	268	307	Spiritwood Lake city	97	65	Clifford city	30
287	Rolla city	1,223	219	Medina city	264	244	Newburg city	96	103	Fairdale city	30
97	Ellendale city	1,125	222	Michigan City city	263	288	Ross city	95	117	Fortuna city	30
52	Cando city	1,117	337	Walcott city	262	300	Sheldon city	95	229	Monango city	30
321	Thompson city	1,101	296	Scranton city	258	79	Deering city	94	148	Hampden city	29
332	Velva city	1,086	76	Davenport city	256	131	Glenfield city	94	192	Leith city	28
161	Hettinger city	1,074	56	Carson city	254	284	Rocklake city	94	203	Luverne city	28
197	Linton city	1,071	193	Leonard city	248	86	Douglas city	93	189	Leal city	27
74	Crosby city	1,065	163	Hoople city	247	107	Fingal city	92	9	Ambrose city	24
27	Belfield city	996	2	Abercrombie city	244	102	Esmond city	91	11	Amidon city	24
71	Cooperstown city	983	127	Gilby city	243	115	Fort Ransom city	91	98	Elliott city	24
249	Northwood city	982	145	Halliday city	241	84	Dodge city	89	123	Gardena city	24
26	Beach city	981	140	Granville city	240	214	Maxbass city	89	179	Kramer city	24
242	New Salem city	973	186	Lansford city	238	268	Pisek city	89	14	Antler city	22
173	Kenmare city	961	13	Aneta city	234	221	Mercer city	88	178	Knox city	22
259	Parshall city	949	12	Anamoose city	230	44	Buchanan city	87	126	Gascoyne city	21
176	Killdeer city	939	320	Taylor city	230	171	Karlsruhe city	87	235	Mylo city	21
143	Gwinner city	924	89	Dunn Center city	227	299	Sharon city	86	333	Venturia city	21
149	Hankinson city	921	158	Hazelton city	223	10	Amenia city	85	21	Balfour city	20
339	Walhalla city	893	282	Riverdale city	223	230	Montpelier city	85	58	Cathay city	20
177	Kindred city	889	142	Grenora city	221	101	Epping city	84	303	Sibley city	19
100	Enderlin city	881	357	Zap city	221	133	Golva city	84	40	Braddock city	18
352	Wishek city	864	240	New Leipzig city	218	358	Zeeland city	82	45	Bucyrus city	18
154	Harwood city	794	109	Flasher city	217	191	Lehr city	81	356	York city	17
160	Hebron city	794	319	Tappen city	217	91	Dwight city	80	294	Sarles city	16
329	Underwood city	784	269	Plaza city	211	233	Mountain city	80	51	Calvin city	15
182	LaMoure city	764	112	Fordville city	207	78	Dazey city	78	70	Conway city	15
88	Drayton city	757	93	Edinburg city	199	85	Donnybrook city	75	152	Hansboro city	15
236	Napoleon city	749	225	Minnewaukan city	199	260	Pekin city	75	157	Haynes city	15
274	Ray city	740	46	Buffalo city	195	77	Dawson city	74	188	Lawton city	15
129	Glen Ullin city	732	119	Frontier city	195	66	Cogswell city	73	202	Ludden city	15
349	Wilton city	718	301	Sherwood city	194	48	Butte city	70	266	Pillsbury city	12
155	Hatton city	712	132	Golden Valley city	191	144	Hague city	70	20	Ayr city	11
278	Reile's Acres city	703	234	Munich city	190	304	Solen city	70	146	Hamberg city	11
228	Mohall city	694	256	Page city	190	28	Benedict city	68	29	Bergen city	10
281	Richardton city	692	138	Grandin city	186	156	Havana city	67	200	Loma city	10
181	Lakota city	683	302	Sheyenne city	186	207	Mantador city	67	254	Overly city	10
239	New England city	683	80	Des Lacs city	185	22	Balta city	66	338	Wales city	10
314	Steele city	665	350	Wimbledon city	178	172	Kathryn city	66	63	Churchs Ferry city	9
232	Mott city	653	231	Mooreton city	177	170	Jud city	65	139	Grano city	9
90	Dunseith city	632	116	Fort Yates city	176	167	Hurdsfield city	64	201	Loraine city	9
223	Milnor city	624	68	Colfax city	172	217	McHenry city	64	50	Calio city	8
227	Minto city	616	33	Binford city	170	212	Martin city	63	151	Hannah city	8
19	Ashley city	613	277	Regent city	170	120	Fullerton city	62	175	Kief city	8
194	Lidgerwood city	600	199	Litchville city	169	298	Sentinel Butte city	61	23	Bantry city	6
61	Center city	588	291	Rutland city	163	110	Flaxton city	60	262	Perth city	6
92	Edgeley city	585	263	Petersburg city	162	264	Pettibone city	60	290	Ruso city	1
271	Portland city	578	293	Sanborn city	161	328	Tuttle city	60			
96	Elgin city	543	280	Rhame city	158	67	Coleharbor city	59			
327	Turtle Lake city	542	62	Christine city	151	334	Verona city	59			

Public School District Fall Enrollment 2022-23
By School District

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
08-001	Bismarck 1	13,632
09-006	West Fargo 6	12,491
09-001	Fargo 1	11,288
51-001	Minot 1	7,561
18-001	Grand Forks 1	7,440
53-007	Williston Basin 7	5,292
30-001	Mandan 1	4,277
45-001	Dickinson 1	3,875
47-001	Jamestown 1	2,145
27-001	McKenzie Co 1	2,003
36-001	Devils Lake 1	1,682
40-007	Belcourt 7	1,538
39-037	Wahpeton 37	1,186
02-002	Valley City 2	1,027
09-017	Central Cass 17	1,000
31-001	New Town 1	987
09-002	Kindred 2	883
50-018	Grafton 18	878
29-027	Beulah 27	753
31-002	Stanley 2	753
51-007	United 7	670
09-097	Northern Cass 97	659
05-001	Bottineau 1	654
18-061	Thompson 61	653
37-019	Lisbon 19	628
13-016	Killdeer 16	601
51-004	Nedrose 4	576
16-049	Carrington 49	571
35-005	Rugby 5	571
29-003	Hazen 3	560
40-001	Dunseith 1	527
53-015	Tioga 15	516
51-070	South Prairie 70	510
49-014	May-Port CG 14	504
49-009	Hillsboro 9	501
11-041	Oakes 41	478
06-001	Bowman Co 1	461
50-008	Park River Area 8	448
25-001	Velva 1	437
40-003	St John 3	430
53-002	Nesson 2	421
10-023	Langdon Area 23	408
51-041	Surrey 41	407
52-038	Harvey 38	394
34-006	Cavalier 6	391
45-009	South Heart 9	388
51-161	Lewis and Clark 161	384
12-001	Divide County 1	381
18-044	Larimore 44	368
28-051	Garrison 51	366
22-001	Kidder County 1	365
30-049	New Salem-Almont 49	363
11-040	Ellendale 40	335
25-060	TGU 60	335
18-129	Northwood 129	334
53-006	Eight Mile 6	325
28-004	Washburn 4	321

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
27-002	Alexander 2	306
14-002	New Rockford-Sheyenne 2	302
37-024	Enderlin Area 24	302
34-100	North Border 100	300
38-001	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 1	297
45-034	Richardton-Taylor 34	297
50-020	Minto 20	284
51-028	Kenmare 28	284
48-010	North Star 10	279
32-001	Dakota Prairie 1	278
03-005	Minnewaukan 5	276
01-013	Hettinger 13	275
39-044	Richland 44	273
30-039	Flasher 39	271
31-003	Parshall 3	269
39-042	Wyndmere 42	263
21-009	New England 9	262
28-001	Wilton 1	259
23-008	LaMoure 8	253
17-003	Beach 3	251
45-013	Belfield 13	251
20-018	Griggs County Central 18	249
23-003	Edgeley 3	244
40-004	Mt Pleasant 4	244
24-002	Napoleon 2	239
38-026	Glenburn 26	235
33-001	Center-Stanton 1	234
21-001	Mott-Regent 1	233
39-008	Hankinson 8	233
15-036	Linton 36	230
02-007	Barnes County North 7	229
07-027	Powers Lake 27	227
09-004	Maple Valley 4	227
26-019	Wishek 19	212
41-002	Milnor 2	207
43-003	Solen 3	207
03-029	Warwick 29	204
47-003	Medina 3	202
28-008	Underwood 8	201
49-003	Central Valley 3	200
09-007	Mapleton 7	195
28-085	White Shield 85	188
18-128	Midway 128	183
34-118	Valley-Edinburg 118	183
32-066	Lakota 66	182
39-028	Lidgerwood 28	182
03-030	Ft Totten 30	181
27-036	Mandaree 36	177
41-003	North Sargent 3	177
49-007	Hatton Eielson 7	177
18-125	Manvel 125	172
41-006	Sargent Central 6	172
20-007	Midkota 7	169
28-072	Turtle Lake-Mercer 72	169
34-019	Drayton 19	167
52-025	Fessenden-Bowdon 25	166
53-099	Grenora 99	160

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
47-010	Pingree-Buchanan 10	156
30-013	Hebron 13	154
09-085	Hope-Page 85	152
19-049	Elgin-New Leipzig 49	152
30-048	Glen Ullin 48	152
28-050	Max 50	148
05-017	Westhope 17	147
15-006	Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock 6	137
06-033	Scranton 33	136
40-029	Rolette 29	134
26-009	Ashley 9	129
02-046	Litchville-Marion 46	128
03-009	Maddock 9	122
03-006	Leeds 6	120
15-015	Strasburg 15	117
23-007	Kulm 7	113
42-019	McClusky 19	113
47-014	Montpelier 14	110
24-056	Gackle-Streeter 56	101
39-018	Fairmount 18	101
18-127	Emerado 127	96
04-001	Billings Co 1	95
27-014	Yellowstone 14	92
10-019	Munich 19	90
46-019	Finley-Sharon 19	90
07-014	Bowbells 14	87
07-036	Burke Central 36	80
05-054	Newburg-United 54	74
43-008	Selfridge 8	74
25-057	Drake 57	73
25-014	Anamoose 14	71
08-028	Wing 28	70
08-039	Apple Creek 39	68
51-016	Sawyer 16	64
08-033	Menoken 33	58
13-037	Twin Buttes 37	51
19-018	Roosevelt 18	49
36-044	Starkweather 44	48
50-005	Fordville-Lankin 5	46
03-016	Oberon 16	45
43-004	Ft Yates 4	44
08-025	Naughton 25	27
26-004	Zeeland 4	27
30-004	Little Heart 4	27
17-006	Lone Tree 6	26
47-019	Kensal 19	26
30-017	Sweet Briar 17	25
36-002	Edmore 2	25
37-006	Ft Ransom 6	22
08-045	Manning 45	21
44-012	Marmarth 12	21
08-035	Sterling 35	16
27-032	Horse Creek 32	12
15-010	Bakker 10	2
13-019	Halliday 19	
42-016	Goodrich 16	
	Total	97,932

Chairman Longmuir and members of House Political Subdivisions Committee

I am advocating for the passing of HB1116. It is imperative that school board elections are kept local and outside influences are known to the public. Please pass HB1116.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Sharbono

Do Pass Testimony

Matthew Kosak, citizen of North Dakota on HB1116 in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am a Citizen of North Dakota and live in the Fargo Public School District. I support the passing of proposed bull HB 1116. It would be in the best interest of the public to see who is financing a political Campaign.

Fargo had a school board election in 2022. Candidates were required to submit an SFN-10172 to Fargo Public Schools. One candidate submitted an SFN-10172 with NO source of principal income, or any other sources of income. This candidate had funding for a campaign, but the public was not able to see where any of the financial contributions were coming from. How would we, the public, know if that money came from out of state?

Like others have stated, please vote a DO PASS for HB 1116. In the interest of public transparency, keeping elections pure, and allowing for equal footing for all candidates who run for public office.

Thank you,

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Matthew Kosak

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CoDist	DistrictName	K	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5	Gr6	Gr7	Gr8	Gr9	Gr10	Gr11	Gr12	Total		
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Schools	
08-001	Bismarck 1	1,011	1,110	1,067	1,026	1,022	1,040	1,014	1,018	1,052	1,215	1,085	1,021	951	13,632		
09-006	West Fargo 6	1,103	1,100	1,028	1,052	1,008	987	919	913	949	907	898	828	799	12,491		
09-001	Fargo 1	845	921	809	914	881	863	837	848	812	930	957	856	815	11,288		
51-001	Minot 1	637	650	600	602	603	615	605	544	580	516	597	502	510	7,561		
18-001	Grand Forks 1	569	607	567	580	528	578	562	568	566	584	601	566	564	7,440		
53-007	Williston Basin 7	468	474	467	430	416	453	412	405	383	392	366	333	293	5,292		
30-001	Mandan 1	352	374	359	331	369	316	300	322	316	310	325	325	278	4,277		
45-001	Dickinson 1	315	362	294	338	327	310	297	265	296	301	270	257	243	3,875		
47-001	Jamestown 1	133	142	148	178	136	156	146	166	163	195	208	194	180	2,145		
27-001	McKenzie Co 1	190	198	185	156	173	152	150	154	151	159	124	107	104	2,003		
36-001	Devils Lake 1	149	142	123	128	122	133	125	127	133	143	138	118	101	1,682		
40-007	Belcourt 7	115	117	103	99	103	106	112	107	116	142	144	130	144	1,538		
39-037	Wahpeton 37	95	93	78	103	82	80	84	106	77	108	95	101	84	1,186		
02-002	Valley City 2	68	84	69	77	67	76	72	78	70	87	85	79	115	1,027		
09-017	Central Cass 17	72	64	71	82	72	76	75	91	85	82	70	68	92	1,000		
31-001	New Town 1	79	87	67	87	87	69	75	72	86	100	60	59	59	987		
09-002	Kindred 2	69	66	67	78	65	74	68	76	74	59	59	75	53	883		
50-018	Grafton 18	54	75	62	64	76	76	62	62	63	85	62	78	59	878		
29-027	Beulah 27	59	58	66	68	60	54	57	77	48	53	46	61	46	753		
31-002	Stanley 2	66	59	70	53	69	49	60	58	65	55	52	44	53	753	20	20
51-007	United 7	56	49	57	51	52	47	42	59	52	54	56	48	47	670		
09-097	Northern Cass 97	49	56	47	49	52	60	48	57	52	46	57	50	36	659		
05-001	Bottineau 1	43	44	50	52	51	54	49	45	69	51	55	48	43	654		
18-061	Thompson 61	65	54	69	55	45	54	50	45	50	46	41	36	43	653		
37-019	Lisbon 19	44	41	64	42	44	61	41	40	44	74	44	55	34	628		
13-016	Killdeer 16	55	49	51	46	43	49	58	36	39	56	53	33	33	601		
51-004	Nedrose 4	48	46	43	44	47	51	43	46	36	46	48	40	38	576		
16-049	Carrington 49	47	40	56	46	43	45	39	47	33	51	42	38	44	571		
35-005	Rugby 5	30	37	37	39	39	50	42	41	67	45	55	41	48	571		
29-003	Hazen 3	42	41	42	46	46	49	43	45	43	33	44	45	41	560		
40-001	Dunseith 1	29	33	28	28	33	31	42	43	46	83	51	36	44	527		
53-015	Tioga 15	63	53	31	34	42	40	38	29	44	38	38	23	43	516		
51-070	South Prairie 70	40	32	44	35	39	45	39	44	41	39	44	42	26	510		
49-014	May-Port CG 14	41	52	39	43	35	48	39	29	46	34	41	33	24	504		
49-009	Hillsboro 9	35	40	42	35	31	41	34	33	45	38	39	40	48	501	15	35
11-041	Oakes 41	26	34	39	49	26	29	41	36	43	35	48	33	39	478		
06-001	Bowman Co 1	31	23	38	33	38	38	33	43	40	44	36	39	25	461		
50-008	Park River Area 8	37	39	39	36	27	35	39	29	46	41	28	21	31	448		
25-001	Velva 1	31	29	26	29	34	38	34	39	35	46	37	23	36	437		
40-003	St John 3	37	36	31	32	41	33	22	36	39	40	28	23	32	430		
53-002	Nesson 2	44	44	27	37	31	32	31	31	23	40	21	32	28	421		
10-023	Langdon Area 23	44	28	36	36	24	32	32	25	25	38	26	38	24	408		
51-041	Surrey 41	24	27	38	29	34	32	31	27	36	39	32	30	28	407		
52-038	Harvey 38	35	29	31	32	33	37	28	29	38	30	25	27	20	394		
34-006	Cavalier 6	37	32	32	31	38	29	33	15	33	28	31	29	23	391		
45-009	South Heart 9	33	33	28	32	34	34	29	28	36	29	29	27	16	388		
51-161	Lewis and Clark 161	29	33	32	26	26	36	21	42	27	33	27	21	31	384		
12-001	Divide County 1	35	35	22	35	36	27	30	21	31	33	21	24	31	381		
18-044	Larimore 44	30	20	25	21	31	26	22	34	47	33	31	23	25	368		

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28-051	Garrison 51	18	29	38	25	29	30	35	27	25	26	34	22	28	366		
22-001	Kidder County 1	30	29	35	33	25	30	31	27	25	33	19	21	27	365		
30-049	New Salem-Almont 49	40	30	27	32	25	22	32	27	18	30	35	22	23	363		
11-040	Ellendale 40	25	26	21	27	22	33	30	28	26	24	20	25	28	335		
25-060	TGU 60	25	26	23	21	37	23	36	26	25	29	25	22	17	335		
18-129	Northwood 129	23	30	30	23	27	32	25	35	19	25	22	22	21	334		
53-006	Eight Mile 6	21	30	19	18	30	26	22	30	36	23	24	24	22	325		
28-004	Washburn 4	29	24	31	27	28	24	22	20	32	21	17	22	24	321		
27-002	Alexander 2	34	30	33	22	23	21	18	21	23	29	19	20	13	306		
14-002	New Rockford-Sheyenne 2	23	37	30	26	17	23	19	22	27	19	25	18	16	302		
37-024	Enderlin Area 24	27	19	25	24	15	25	23	28	25	20	33	23	15	302		
34-100	North Border 100	25	30	19	16	20	26	17	24	21	31	23	26	22	300		
38-001	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 1	18	26	13	30	22	25	19	25	28	23	19	23	26	297		
45-034	Richardton-Taylor 34	30	24	17	20	29	17	28	29	20	25	27	16	15	297		
50-020	Minto 20	25	26	25	25	21	18	19	15	27	19	22	20	22	284		
51-028	Kenmare 28	19	18	19	13	22	24	21	31	19	30	32	14	22	284		
48-010	North Star 10	22	15	31	26	20	27	21	18	23	20	18	20	18	279		
32-001	Dakota Prairie 1	22	16	19	27	18	27	22	27	15	17	25	20	23	278		
03-005	Minnewaukan 5	20	18	32	21	21	24	18	20	24	20	22	19	17	276		
01-013	Hettinger 13	25	21	14	20	30	23	18	20	20	22	20	19	23	275		
39-044	Richland 44	21	18	28	20	27	20	26	20	18	20	19	19	17	273		
30-039	Flasher 39	17	21	19	19	28	27	20	13	27	20	26	15	19	271		
31-003	Parshall 3	30	20	18	18	21	17	21	22	21	19	23	26	13	269		
39-042	Wyndmere 42	22	20	23	17	21	25	22	31	14	20	14	17	17	263		
21-009	New England 9	18	22	19	21	17	26	27	24	15	24	15	18	16	262		
28-001	Wilton 1	15	31	24	25	17	19	15	24	19	20	16	21	13	259		
23-008	LaMoure 8	18	26	17	16	16	21	24	22	17	20	22	12	22	253		
17-003	Beach 3	15	17	22	14	18	19	17	17	24	32	13	24	19	251		
45-013	Belfield 13	24	20	16	13	14	29	14	16	20	18	21	28	18	251	43	78
20-018	Griggs County Central 18	20	21	19	16	19	23	16	23	24	16	22	17	13	249		
23-003	Edgeley 3	20	19	19	17	23	15	17	25	26	13	18	16	16	244		
40-004	Mt Pleasant 4	14	10	18	25	17	22	25	24	30	17	14	12	16	244		
24-002	Napoleon 2	22	18	22	15	17	16	21	22	17	20	17	18	14	239		
38-026	Glenburn 26	18	21	18	17	24	21	19	17	16	18	23	10	13	235		
33-001	Center-Stanton 1	18	22	16	15	14	23	11	17	25	15	21	19	18	234		
21-001	Mott-Regent 1	22	17	24	18	20	13	11	19	14	21	22	16	16	233		
39-008	Hankinson 8	18	17	22	13	17	18	22	17	17	20	16	20	16	233		
15-036	Linton 36	20	16	18	13	8	15	21	11	20	21	18	22	27	230		
02-007	Barnes County North 7	12	17	14	24	16	13	17	24	16	20	19	18	19	229		
07-027	Powers Lake 27	18	19	14	18	24	13	19	14	15	18	20	17	18	227		
09-004	Maple Valley 4	10	15	18	16	24	19	20	22	22	19	17	13	12	227		
26-019	Wishek 19	13	15	23	20	17	18	14	23	15	16	13	15	10	212		
41-002	Milnor 2	20	21	18	14	18	21	17	13	19	14	10	17	5	207		
43-003	Solen 3	18	26	21	19	15	12	14	13	12	15	14	17	11	207		
03-029	Warwick 29	18	17	9	12	18	12	21	10	21	21	25	12	8	204		
47-003	Medina 3	16	11	12	16	14	21	11	17	17	21	23	11	12	202		
28-008	Underwood 8	11	11	17	11	13	24	16	18	14	16	18	13	19	201		
49-003	Central Valley 3	22	14	16	14	11	23	15	14	14	17	20	11	9	200		
09-007	Mapleton 7	32	32	23	32	32	19	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	195		
28-085	White Shield 85	19	14	11	16	16	12	20	12	17	21	16	9	5	188		

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18-128	Midway 128	13	15	13	15	12	13	15	18	16	12	18	13	10	183		
34-118	Valley-Edinburg 118	15	18	24	11	15	10	8	7	13	16	13	18	15	183		
32-066	Lakota 66	21	12	17	19	15	19	12	9	11	14	12	15	6	182		
39-028	Lidgerwood 28	14	12	16	15	11	16	13	12	19	8	15	15	16	182		
03-030	Ft Totten 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	57	47	28	181		
27-036	Mandaree 36	14	17	16	11	8	12	12	20	22	18	10	5	12	177		
41-003	North Sargent 3	9	8	10	12	17	10	16	18	22	17	12	12	14	177		
49-007	Hatton Eielson 7	10	17	10	15	17	13	6	19	12	13	14	12	19	177		
18-125	Manvel 125	18	18	23	20	24	19	17	16	17	-	-	-	-	172		
41-006	Sargent Central 6	14	13	18	9	17	15	15	13	7	16	12	9	14	172		
20-007	Midkota 7	9	11	15	9	15	12	14	12	15	19	17	10	11	169		
28-072	Turtle Lake-Mercer 72	19	7	10	17	18	16	12	22	10	10	15	6	7	169		
34-019	Drayton 19	14	16	11	17	11	10	13	16	13	15	13	8	10	167		
52-025	Fessenden-Bowdon 25	9	11	8	15	18	11	14	14	17	18	7	13	11	166		
53-099	Grenora 99	5	13	12	10	12	12	13	22	12	13	12	15	9	160		
47-010	Pingree-Buchanan 10	13	14	12	14	8	14	11	11	13	14	8	15	9	156		
30-013	Hebron 13	13	8	14	9	16	14	7	14	5	19	11	12	12	154		
09-085	Hope-Page 85	16	14	12	9	15	14	13	10	9	12	7	14	7	152		
19-049	Elgin-New Leipzig 49	12	11	14	13	10	9	17	12	13	7	8	10	16	152		
30-048	Glen Ullin 48	8	15	9	14	8	9	13	7	17	15	10	15	12	152		
28-050	Max 50	14	6	13	7	12	11	12	10	13	17	11	8	14	148		
05-017	Westhope 17	10	13	9	10	9	15	15	11	14	8	16	12	5	147		
15-006	Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock 6	9	10	15	10	12	12	10	7	15	5	14	7	11	137		
06-033	Scranton 33	11	15	12	11	10	11	9	11	7	9	9	13	8	136		
40-029	Rolette 29	6	6	7	8	12	5	9	9	11	19	13	14	15	134		
26-009	Ashley 9	11	9	10	11	12	12	7	5	8	14	10	13	7	129		
02-046	Litchville-Marion 46	9	13	12	12	11	13	11	8	10	12	6	4	7	128		
03-009	Maddock 9	12	13	3	11	7	12	8	7	11	8	11	13	6	122		
03-006	Leeds 6	14	9	10	13	9	12	5	8	13	9	6	8	4	120		
15-015	Strasburg 15	9	3	9	7	4	13	5	11	7	8	12	13	16	117		
23-007	Kulm 7	7	6	10	10	9	10	6	8	7	11	11	12	6	113		
42-019	McClusky 19	16	11	4	8	10	9	7	7	10	6	12	8	5	113		
47-014	Montpelier 14	10	8	10	6	9	7	14	6	9	8	6	9	8	110		
24-056	Gackle-Streeter 56	8	8	7	4	12	6	12	9	14	4	4	5	8	101		
39-018	Fairmount 18	7	10	9	4	4	11	7	7	9	8	4	11	10	101	56	134
18-127	Emerado 127	13	12	16	11	9	5	6	14	10	-	-	-	-	96		
04-001	Billings Co 1	17	10	14	6	5	19	9	8	7	-	-	-	-	95		
27-014	Yellowstone 14	10	4	16	9	13	8	14	11	7	-	-	-	-	92		
10-019	Munich 19	8	4	6	9	6	8	10	12	3	9	4	5	6	90		
46-019	Finley-Sharon 19	5	8	9	5	7	4	7	6	10	8	5	7	9	90		
07-014	Bowbells 14	7	6	8	5	8	6	6	8	8	5	12	4	4	87		
07-036	Burke Central 36	7	7	9	9	4	7	6	6	3	9	6	3	4	80		
05-054	Newburg-United 54	5	7	10	9	2	11	4	5	6	4	4	6	1	74		
43-008	Selfridge 8	4	7	3	5	7	6	11	5	3	8	3	5	7	74		
25-057	Drake 57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	13	10	12	13	73		
25-014	Anamoose 14	13	11	8	7	6	11	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	71		
08-028	Wing 28	7	5	2	5	4	8	3	3	9	4	8	5	7	70		
08-039	Apple Creek 39	10	13	15	5	15	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68		
51-016	Sawyer 16	4	5	2	4	6	6	6	9	5	4	3	5	5	64		
08-033	Menoken 33	6	8	10	5	9	11	5	3	1	-	-	-	-	58		

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13-037	Twin Buttes 37	-	5	5	5	10	10	4	7	5	-	-	-	-	51
19-018	Roosevelt 18	3	6	5	8	9	3	7	4	4	-	-	-	-	49
36-044	Starkweather 44	4	3	7	4	3	2	1	6	5	7	1	3	2	48
50-005	Fordville-Lankin 5	6	5	1	3	4	6	2	2	3	2	3	6	3	46
03-016	Oberon 16	7	7	6	4	6	3	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	45
43-004	Ft Yates 4	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	15	12	-	-	-	-	44
08-025	Naughton 25	5	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	27
26-004	Zeeland 4	-	2	-	2	3	-	5	2	2	2	1	3	5	27
30-004	Little Heart 4	3	5	1	5	3	3	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	27
17-006	Lone Tree 6	-	1	2	5	2	2	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	26
47-019	Kensal 19	5	4	4	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	26
30-017	Sweet Briar 17	3	2	4	1	6	2	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	25
36-002	Edmore 2	2	1	3	1	-	-	4	3	2	2	-	2	5	25
37-006	Ft Ransom 6	2	3	2	4	5	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
08-045	Manning 45	1	3	4	2	5	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	21
44-012	Marmarth 12	4	1	3	3	-	6	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	21
08-035	Sterling 35	2	2	5	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
27-032	Horse Creek 32	2	1	1	2	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	12
15-010	Bakker 10	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Public School District Fall Enrollment 2022-23															
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13-019	Halliday 19														
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF NORTH DAKOTA

House Bill 1116
Senate State and Local Government Committee
March 16th, 2023

The League of Women Voters of North Dakota (LWVND) submits this testimony **in support of House Bill 1116**. We appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective.

HB 1116 amends a section of the ND Century Code so that candidates for school district office (in school districts with a population of 5,000 or more) will be required to submit campaign contribution statements.

LWVND supports this bill for three reasons. The bill:

1) ensures that candidates for school district office are held to the same standard of financial transparency and compliance as candidates for other public offices in North Dakota,

2) gives school district voters an additional, and important, piece of information when deciding on preferred candidates,

3) is consistent with the LWVND's focus on empowering voters.

We understand that a similar bill, HB 1257, introduced by Representative Conmy, connects the campaign contribution statement requirement to the fall school enrollment number rather than district population. We hope the Committee will consult with the ND Secretary of State and/or the ND School Boards Association to determine the most appropriate standard for this requirement.

LWVND wishes to thank Representative Hoverson for his sponsorship of this bill, and we ask the Committee to vote in its favor.

Testimony submitted by Barbara Headrick, LWVND Board President. nodaklwv@gmail.com

HB 1116 Testimony

To the State and Local Government Committee

Statement of Intent: The intent of this legislation is to require campaign finance reporting for school board elections with the goal of increasing election transparency.

School Board Campaign Finance Reporting Resolution

The intent of this bill is to amend section 15.1-09-08, 16.1-05.1-02.3, and 16.1-08.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code to include language and references for required financial reporting for school board candidates and groups funding those candidates.

Whereas, section 15.1-09-07 states; "Unless otherwise provided by law, a school district election must be conducted and the votes must be canvassed in the same manner as in the election of county officers."

Whereas, the instruction document provided by the Secretary of State office titled *Running for County & Multi-County District Office under the section titled Campaign Finance and Disclosure* states; "Candidates for county offices must file financial disclosure statements pursuant to subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3."

Whereas, subsection 6 of NDCC § 16.1-08.1-02.3 states; "A candidate for county office and a candidate committee for a candidate for county office shall file statements under this chapter with the county auditor. A candidate for city office who is required to file a statement under this chapter and a candidate committee for such a candidate shall file statements with the city auditor. Any other person required to file a statement under this section shall file the statement with the secretary of state."

Some questions were raised on the use of language in Section 5 on Page 3 which reads, "A candidate for school district office in a school district with a population under five thousand and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section". The decision to utilize this language has two parts. First is to mirror existing century code in the same section. Second is based on the fact schools are predominantly funded by property taxes and districts already have a base line of population based on mill levy collections. Passing this bill will appropriately reflect the original intent of sections of century code that require campaign finance reporting.

Thank you,

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HB 1116
Senate State & Local Government
March 16, 2023
Testimony of Alexis Baxley

Good morning Chair Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee. My name is Alexis Baxley, and I serve as the executive director of the North Dakota School Boards Association. NDSBA represents the elected school boards of all 170 public school districts and several special education units in North Dakota.

NDSBA is supportive of election transparency. I would however like to propose what I view as a small amendment to HB 1116. I appreciate that Representative Hoverson included the population limitation in section 5, which is in alignment with the requirements of city and county officials. However, the population of a school district is a more complicated number to figure than in a city or county. We know where our kids are – we do not always know the population of other properties within a school district. As you know, school districts do not always neatly follow the boarders of cities or counties. In fact, I am aware of at least one school district that includes territory in eight – yes eight – different counties. Calculating district population would likely require school business managers to work with multiple county auditors to tally a population number. I believe it would be much simpler and more efficient to base the exemption number on district enrollment. This data is readily available to districts, and certainly a number we know. I have included in my testimony North Dakota city populations from the 2020 census. I have also included public school district enrollment from the fall of this current school year. I believe an equivalent enrollment number would be 1,000 students. The suggested amendment language references the "September tenth fall enrollment report." School districts file this report annually, and it is the enrollment number used to calculate a district's state aid.

We do appreciate the language requiring submission of the statement to the school district business manager. This is appropriate because business managers already collect school board candidates' statements of intent and other election documents.

I will stand for any questions.

HB 1116, NDSBA proposed amendment

Page 3, 16.1-08.1-02.3, sub 5

5. A candidate for city office in a city with a population under five thousand and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section. A candidate for school district office in a school district with an enrollment of less than 1000 students as reflected in the district's most recent September tenth fall enrollment report ~~a population under five thousand~~ and a candidate committee for the candidate are exempt from this section.

North Dakota 2020 Census
Population by City

105	Fargo city	125,990	261	Pembina city	512	316	Streeter city	149	41	Briarwood city	57
35	Bismarck city	73,622	114	Forman city	509	348	Willow City city	149	64	Cleveland city	57
137	Grand Forks city	59,166	31	Berthold city	490	205	Makoti city	148	273	Prairie Rose city	56
226	Minot city	48,377	286	Rolette city	484	174	Kensal city	146	248	North River city	55
343	West Fargo city	38,626	16	Argusville city	480	54	Carpio city	144	340	Warwick city	55
347	Williston city	29,160	326	Towner city	479	195	Lignite city	141	4	Alamo city	53
83	Dickinson city	25,679	106	Fessenden city	462	69	Columbus city	139	135	Grace City city	53
206	Mandan city	24,206	355	Wyndmere city	454	94	Edmore city	139	246	Nome city	51
169	Jamestown city	15,849	99	Emerado city	443	38	Bowdon city	137	141	Great Bend city	49
336	Wahpeton city	8,007	190	Leeds city	442	247	Noonan city	137	285	Rogers city	49
81	Devils Lake city	7,192	130	Glenburn city	404	324	Tolna city	136	25	Bathgate city	47
331	Valley City city	6,575	204	Maddock city	402	330	Upham city	135	147	Hamilton city	46
342	Watford City city	6,207	108	Finley city	401	351	Wing city	132	245	Niagara city	46
196	Lincoln city	4,257	306	South Heart city	394	124	Gardner city	129	335	Voltaire city	46
136	Grafton city	4,170	218	McVille city	392	3	Adams city	127	354	Woodworth city	44
165	Horace city	3,085	272	Powers Lake city	385	297	Selfridge city	127	353	Wolford city	43
32	Beulah city	3,058	255	Oxbow city	381	150	Hannaford city	126	82	Dickey city	42
243	New Town city	2,764	315	Strasburg city	379	210	Marion city	125	6	Alice city	41
289	Rugby city	2,509	208	Manvel city	377	257	Palermo city	125	183	Landa city	41
57	Casselton city	2,479	344	Westhope city	374	270	Portal city	125	267	Pingree city	41
311	Stanley city	2,321	180	Kulm city	368	275	Reeder city	125	323	Tolley city	41
159	Hazen city	2,281	312	Stanton city	368	265	Pick City city	123	24	Barney city	40
198	Lisbon city	2,204	49	Buxton city	348	220	Medora city	121	60	Cayuga city	40
322	Tioga city	2,202	237	Neche city	344	122	Galesburg city	118	224	Milton city	39
36	Bottineau city	2,194	104	Fairmount city	343	75	Crystal city	116	118	Fredonia city	38
55	Carrington city	2,080	166	Hunter city	332	346	Wildrose city	115	168	Inkster city	38
184	Langdon city	1,909	213	Max city	331	252	Oriska city	114	305	Souris city	37
215	Mayville city	1,854	18	Arthur city	328	73	Crary city	113	308	Springbrook city	37
250	Oakes city	1,798	310	St. Thomas city	323	34	Bisbee city	110	72	Courtenay city	36
153	Harvey city	1,650	216	McClusky city	322	113	Forest River city	109	111	Forbes city	36
162	Hillsboro city	1,649	309	St. John city	322	292	Ryder city	108	283	Robinson city	36
39	Bowman city	1,470	5	Alexander city	319	134	Goodrich city	106	276	Regan city	35
125	Garrison city	1,462	295	Sawyer city	319	253	Osnabrock city	105	43	Brocket city	34
258	Park River city	1,424	37	Bowbells city	301	318	Sykeston city	105	8	Alsen city	32
241	New Rockford city	1,361	87	Drake city	292	185	Lankin city	102	95	Egeland city	32
317	Surrey city	1,357	17	Arnegard city	282	211	Marmarth city	101	15	Ardoch city	31
209	Mapleton city	1,320	121	Gackle city	281	251	Oberon city	101	30	Berlin city	31
341	Washburn city	1,300	279	Reynolds city	277	7	Almont city	100	53	Canton City (Hensel)	31
47	Burlington city	1,291	164	Hope city	272	313	Starkweather city	100	238	Nekoma city	31
187	Larimore city	1,260	128	Gladstone city	271	345	White Earth city	100	42	Brinsmade city	30
59	Cavalier city	1,246	325	Tower City city	268	307	Spiritwood Lake city	97	65	Clifford city	30
287	Rolla city	1,223	219	Medina city	264	244	Newburg city	96	103	Fairdale city	30
97	Ellendale city	1,125	222	Michigan City city	263	288	Ross city	95	117	Fortuna city	30
52	Cando city	1,117	337	Walcott city	262	300	Sheldon city	95	229	Monango city	30
321	Thompson city	1,101	296	Scranton city	258	79	Deering city	94	148	Hampden city	29
332	Velva city	1,086	76	Davenport city	256	131	Glenfield city	94	192	Leith city	28
161	Hettinger city	1,074	56	Carson city	254	284	Rocklake city	94	203	Luverne city	28
197	Linton city	1,071	193	Leonard city	248	86	Douglas city	93	189	Leal city	27
74	Crosby city	1,065	163	Hoople city	247	107	Fingal city	92	9	Ambrose city	24
27	Belfield city	996	2	Abercrombie city	244	102	Esmond city	91	11	Amidon city	24
71	Cooperstown city	983	127	Gilby city	243	115	Fort Ransom city	91	98	Elliott city	24
249	Northwood city	982	145	Halliday city	241	84	Dodge city	89	123	Gardena city	24
26	Beach city	981	140	Granville city	240	214	Maxbass city	89	179	Kramer city	24
242	New Salem city	973	186	Lansford city	238	268	Pisek city	89	14	Antler city	22
173	Kenmare city	961	13	Aneta city	234	221	Mercer city	88	178	Knox city	22
259	Parshall city	949	12	Anamoose city	230	44	Buchanan city	87	126	Gascoyne city	21
176	Killdeer city	939	320	Taylor city	230	171	Karlsruhe city	87	235	Mylo city	21
143	Gwinner city	924	89	Dunn Center city	227	299	Sharon city	86	333	Venturia city	21
149	Hankinson city	921	158	Hazelton city	223	10	Amenia city	85	21	Balfour city	20
339	Walhalla city	893	282	Riverdale city	223	230	Montpelier city	85	58	Cathay city	20
177	Kindred city	889	142	Grenora city	221	101	Epping city	84	303	Sibley city	19
100	Enderlin city	881	357	Zap city	221	133	Golva city	84	40	Braddock city	18
352	Wishek city	864	240	New Leipzig city	218	358	Zeeland city	82	45	Bucyrus city	18
154	Harwood city	794	109	Flasher city	217	191	Lehr city	81	356	York city	17
160	Hebron city	794	319	Tappen city	217	91	Dwight city	80	294	Sarles city	16
329	Underwood city	784	269	Plaza city	211	233	Mountain city	80	51	Calvin city	15
182	LaMoure city	764	112	Fordville city	207	78	Dazey city	78	70	Conway city	15
88	Drayton city	757	93	Edinburg city	199	85	Donnybrook city	75	152	Hansboro city	15
236	Napoleon city	749	225	Minnewaukan city	199	260	Pekin city	75	157	Haynes city	15
274	Ray city	740	46	Buffalo city	195	77	Dawson city	74	188	Lawton city	15
129	Glen Ullin city	732	119	Frontier city	195	66	Cogswell city	73	202	Ludden city	15
349	Wilton city	718	301	Sherwood city	194	48	Butte city	70	266	Pillsbury city	12
155	Hatton city	712	132	Golden Valley city	191	144	Hague city	70	20	Ayr city	11
278	Reile's Acres city	703	234	Munich city	190	304	Solen city	70	146	Hamberg city	11
228	Mohall city	694	256	Page city	190	28	Benedict city	68	29	Bergen city	10
281	Richardton city	692	138	Grandin city	186	156	Havana city	67	200	Loma city	10
181	Lakota city	683	302	Sheyenne city	186	207	Mantador city	67	254	Overly city	10
239	New England city	683	80	Des Lacs city	185	22	Balta city	66	338	Wales city	10
314	Steele city	665	350	Wimbledon city	178	172	Kathryn city	66	63	Churchs Ferry city	9
232	Mott city	653	231	Mooreton city	177	170	Jud city	65	139	Grano city	9
90	Dunseith city	632	116	Fort Yates city	176	167	Hurdsfield city	64	201	Loraine city	9
223	Milnor city	624	68	Colfax city	172	217	McHenry city	64	50	Calio city	8
227	Minto city	616	33	Binford city	170	212	Martin city	63	151	Hannah city	8
19	Ashley city	613	277	Regent city	170	120	Fullerton city	62	175	Kief city	8
194	Lidgerwood city	600	199	Litchville city	169	298	Sentinel Butte city	61	23	Bantry city	6
61	Center city	588	291	Rutland city	163	110	Flaxton city	60	262	Perth city	6
92	Edgeley city	585	263	Petersburg city	162	264	Pettibone city	60	290	Ruso city	1
271	Portland city	578	293	Sanborn city	161	328	Tuttle city	60			
96	Elgin city	543	280	Rhame city	158	67	Coleharbor city	59			
327	Turtle Lake city	542	62	Christine city	151	334	Verona city	59			

Public School District Fall Enrollment 2022-23
By School District

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
08-001	Bismarck 1	13,632
09-006	West Fargo 6	12,491
09-001	Fargo 1	11,288
51-001	Minot 1	7,561
18-001	Grand Forks 1	7,440
53-007	Williston Basin 7	5,292
30-001	Mandan 1	4,277
45-001	Dickinson 1	3,875
47-001	Jamestown 1	2,145
27-001	McKenzie Co 1	2,003
36-001	Devils Lake 1	1,682
40-007	Belcourt 7	1,538
39-037	Wahpeton 37	1,186
02-002	Valley City 2	1,027
09-017	Central Cass 17	1,000
31-001	New Town 1	987
09-002	Kindred 2	883
50-018	Grafton 18	878
29-027	Beulah 27	753
31-002	Stanley 2	753
51-007	United 7	670
09-097	Northern Cass 97	659
05-001	Bottineau 1	654
18-061	Thompson 61	653
37-019	Lisbon 19	628
13-016	Killdeer 16	601
51-004	Nedrose 4	576
16-049	Carrington 49	571
35-005	Rugby 5	571
29-003	Hazen 3	560
40-001	Dunseith 1	527
53-015	Tioga 15	516
51-070	South Prairie 70	510
49-014	May-Port CG 14	504
49-009	Hillsboro 9	501
11-041	Oakes 41	478
06-001	Bowman Co 1	461
50-008	Park River Area 8	448
25-001	Velva 1	437
40-003	St John 3	430
53-002	Nesson 2	421
10-023	Langdon Area 23	408
51-041	Surrey 41	407
52-038	Harvey 38	394
34-006	Cavalier 6	391
45-009	South Heart 9	388
51-161	Lewis and Clark 161	384
12-001	Divide County 1	381
18-044	Larimore 44	368
28-051	Garrison 51	366
22-001	Kidder County 1	365
30-049	New Salem-Almont 49	363
11-040	Ellendale 40	335
25-060	TGU 60	335
18-129	Northwood 129	334
53-006	Eight Mile 6	325
28-004	Washburn 4	321

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
27-002	Alexander 2	306
14-002	New Rockford-Sheyenne 2	302
37-024	Enderlin Area 24	302
34-100	North Border 100	300
38-001	Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 1	297
45-034	Richardton-Taylor 34	297
50-020	Minto 20	284
51-028	Kenmare 28	284
48-010	North Star 10	279
32-001	Dakota Prairie 1	278
03-005	Minnewaukan 5	276
01-013	Hettinger 13	275
39-044	Richland 44	273
30-039	Flasher 39	271
31-003	Parshall 3	269
39-042	Wyndmere 42	263
21-009	New England 9	262
28-001	Wilton 1	259
23-008	LaMoure 8	253
17-003	Beach 3	251
45-013	Belfield 13	251
20-018	Griggs County Central 18	249
23-003	Edgeley 3	244
40-004	Mt Pleasant 4	244
24-002	Napoleon 2	239
38-026	Glenburn 26	235
33-001	Center-Stanton 1	234
21-001	Mott-Regent 1	233
39-008	Hankinson 8	233
15-036	Linton 36	230
02-007	Barnes County North 7	229
07-027	Powers Lake 27	227
09-004	Maple Valley 4	227
26-019	Wishek 19	212
41-002	Milnor 2	207
43-003	Solen 3	207
03-029	Warwick 29	204
47-003	Medina 3	202
28-008	Underwood 8	201
49-003	Central Valley 3	200
09-007	Mapleton 7	195
28-085	White Shield 85	188
18-128	Midway 128	183
34-118	Valley-Edinburg 118	183
32-066	Lakota 66	182
39-028	Lidgerwood 28	182
03-030	Ft Totten 30	181
27-036	Mandaree 36	177
41-003	North Sargent 3	177
49-007	Hatton Eielson 7	177
18-125	Manvel 125	172
41-006	Sargent Central 6	172
20-007	Midkota 7	169
28-072	Turtle Lake-Mercer 72	169
34-019	Drayton 19	167
52-025	Fessenden-Bowdon 25	166
53-099	Grenora 99	160

CoDist	DistrictName	Total
47-010	Pingree-Buchanan 10	156
30-013	Hebron 13	154
09-085	Hope-Page 85	152
19-049	Elgin-New Leipzig 49	152
30-048	Glen Ullin 48	152
28-050	Max 50	148
05-017	Westhope 17	147
15-006	Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock 6	137
06-033	Scranton 33	136
40-029	Rolette 29	134
26-009	Ashley 9	129
02-046	Litchville-Marion 46	128
03-009	Maddock 9	122
03-006	Leeds 6	120
15-015	Strasburg 15	117
23-007	Kulm 7	113
42-019	McClusky 19	113
47-014	Montpelier 14	110
24-056	Gackle-Streeter 56	101
39-018	Fairmount 18	101
18-127	Emerado 127	96
04-001	Billings Co 1	95
27-014	Yellowstone 14	92
10-019	Munich 19	90
46-019	Finley-Sharon 19	90
07-014	Bowbells 14	87
07-036	Burke Central 36	80
05-054	Newburg-United 54	74
43-008	Selfridge 8	74
25-057	Drake 57	73
25-014	Anamoose 14	71
08-028	Wing 28	70
08-039	Apple Creek 39	68
51-016	Sawyer 16	64
08-033	Menoken 33	58
13-037	Twin Buttes 37	51
19-018	Roosevelt 18	49
36-044	Starkweather 44	48
50-005	Fordville-Lankin 5	46
03-016	Oberon 16	45
43-004	Ft Yates 4	44
08-025	Naughton 25	27
26-004	Zeeland 4	27
30-004	Little Heart 4	27
17-006	Lone Tree 6	26
47-019	Kensal 19	26
30-017	Sweet Briar 17	25
36-002	Edmore 2	25
37-006	Ft Ransom 6	22
08-045	Manning 45	21
44-012	Marmarth 12	21
08-035	Sterling 35	16
27-032	Horse Creek 32	12
15-010	Bakker 10	2
13-019	Halliday 19	
42-016	Goodrich 16	
	Total	97,932