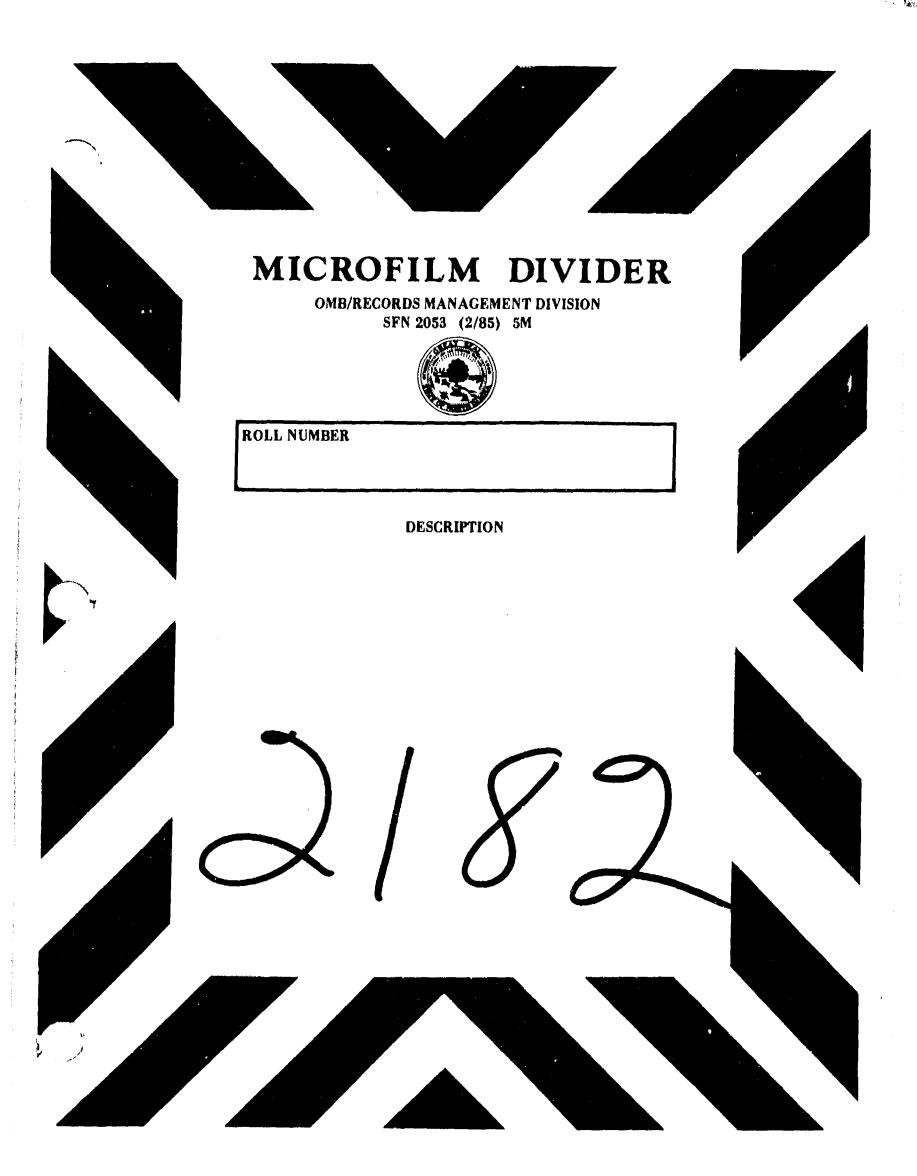
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Senate Education Committee

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

VICE CHAIRMAN G. LEE opened the hearing on SB 2182 relating to the school district equalization factor.

Testimony in support of SB 2182:

SENATOR FREBORG, Dist. 8, stated this bill applies an additional 4 mills to the deduct and automatically escalates at 2 mills per year. The mill deduct was started in 1973 at 20 mills and was applied as it is now. The mill deduct went from 20 to 32 mills in 30 years. He feels the legislature should legislate what they feel is fair. This would provide more equity than the current amount. Usually, if a district is above average (value per student) it will cost the district. If it is below, it will receive money.

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SENATOR FLAKOLL asked if there is a reason there is no cap on this. SENATOR FREBORG would hope this would go on for a long time. He is considering an amendment to this bill which would have the mill deduct go to 40 mills the first year.

SENATOR FLAKOLL stated that the mill levy deduct formula is highly based on property value. As such, what assurance do we have of encumbrance. Is there a checks and balances in place to make sure that similar property is appropriately valued. SENATOR FREBORG, stated he did not think that would matter, because this pertains to what one mill will raise in your district. If property is low the deduct won't have as much effect. If it is high it will. He doesn't feel the job of legislators is to determine whether or not land values or property values are too high or too low.

JERRY COLEMAN, DPI, presented information on what effect raising the mill levy deduct would have. (see attached charts)

Additional testimony in support of SB 2182 was received from Paul K. Johnson, Supt. of the Bismarck school district. (see attached)

Testimony in opposition to SB 2182:

STEVE SWIONTEK, Supt. of Schools at Devils Lake, presented testimony. (see attached). SENATOR FREBORG asked how many mills are levied in the Devils Lake district. MR. SWIONTEK stated they are levying 189 on general funds and about 219 total mills. SEN. FREBORG asked if he thought it would be better if we would try to improve this system in small increments rather than in large amounts. MR. SWIONTEK stated they supported the concept of the teacher pay increase last session, however this increased the disparity in equity. SENATOR FREBORG questioned how the DL district comes out after the supplemental payment and the 32

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mill deduct we have. MR. SWIONTEK stated they receive \$50 per student supplemental pay and with the 32 mill deduct would provide about \$12.92 per student back. This would be worth something to the poorer districts even if it is \$1.00 more. However, is it enough?? SEN. FREBORG stated we need to provide more equity, but doesn't feel a large increase will be passed out of this session.

SENATOR COOK asked if MR. SWIONTEK knows what the mill levy in Edmore is, since it is the same county. He was told roughly 148 mills. SENATOR COOK asked if there was any dialogue on the two districts joining. No. MR. SWIONTEK stated that no one would want to join DL when they are at 189 mills.

DAN HUFFMAN, Asst. Supt. for Fargo School Dist., presented testimony. (see attached) He feels the increase in the mill levy deduct that is in this bill will negatively impact the Fargo school district by about \$1 million. If the per pupil payment amounts are changed (SB 2154), then the district would lose about \$100,000. The Fargo district's concern at this time is that all the new money that is on the table in discussion is in teacher compensation. It is a dedicated revenue source specifically for one purpose, to improve teacher salaries. This is also an issue that school districts need to address. We need to address all the components of the funding formula and work at a solution that addresses all of them at the same time. He stated they did support the teacher compensation funding last session and it cost their district \$338.000.

SENATOR FREBORG stated that amount would have gone a long way toward equity. MR. HUFFMAN feels many of the decisions with funding should be left with the local authority with local discussions.

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SENATOR COOK asked what schools in ND offer a better education to children than Fargo does. He replied no other district provides the level of quality than the Fargo school district does. SENATOR COOK asked if this is because Fargo is a "property rich" district and therefore they have greater resources to offer that quality education over other districts. MR. SWIONTEK stated that Fargo is barely above the state average at the present time in taxable valuation per child. He feels the taxpayers have given them the ability to levy 323 mills and that is why they can offer a quality education to their students.

SANDY CLARK, ND Farm Bureau, stated they oppose the mill deduct increase because they feel it will lead to a property tax increase.

SENATOR COOK asked if in recognizing that the system is not fair and equal, does she realize that this bill is trying to change that by making it more fair and equal. She feels when the formula is based on property valuation, it is not equal.

MARK SITZ, ND Farmers Union, feels this will increase the valuation of property and will therefore raise taxes. They feel property taxes are already too high.

SENATOR TAYLOR asked if he could tell us, as a farmer, what this would do to him in his district. MR. SITZ said he would get that information.

DEAN BARD, ND Small Organized Schools, stated they are not opposed to equity, but when the level of state support has decreased, it causes the local districts to ask the local people to cover the difference with a local mill increase.

ALLEN BURGAD, Stanley School Dist., feels this would be detrimental to his district. He feels they do a good job of educating and the administrators are doing well with the current level of

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funding. They levy 208 mills from the taxpayers. The average cost per pupil is \$4984 based on 2002 financing facts.

PAUL STREMICK, Supt. from Graston, does not believe this bill goes far enough to bring about more equity and equalization. Ten years ago Grafton was 21% below the state average in spending. Ten years later they are 28% below the state average. The condition has become worse and he does not see it becoming any better. If SB 2154 and this bill both pass, he feels Grafton will be worse off, because SB 2154, on the weighted factor, will take money away from Grafton. We need to look at all factors including the weighted factor. He feels the system for funding is filled with inequities. Grafton is the 3rd highest taxed district in the state and is 8th from the bottom in spending. He would urge putting any "new" money into equity payments. He further believes Grafton, due to the weighted factors, will continue to lose dollars. Even if SB 2154 is not changed, Grafton will not receive as much as the schools in the other categories. BEV NIELSON, ND School Boards Assn., stated there are gainers and losers on the mill deduct issue. Some issues she raised were there is 8 times more money going into the FTE program's new money than is going into foundation aid in new money. The reality is there is very little new money going into foundation aid. By increasing the mill deduct, a case could be made on paper that the per pupil payment will increase without any new money going into the formula from the state. There could be districts with their foundation and transportation money that receive because of declining enrollment, and with an additional mill deduct, that would begin to get possibly no new money from the state once the deduct is applied, and then it goes into the transportation fund, and then they could end up with no new money, unencumbered money, coming through foundation formula. There needs to be enough new state dollars going into the

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foundation transportation formula to allow increasing the mill deduct in the way that is proposed in this bill. There is no mill deduct in the FTE money. When passed, it was understood that the same amount of money would go to every district for teacher compensation. Very few districts feel they are adequately funded.

SENATOR FREBORG stated there will be much more than \$4 million new money going into foundation aid. To hold the same level of payment, comparing to the same level of payment for the number of students we are going to have, and the dollars it will take to raise the payments to match the \$83 the first year and \$96 the second, it will take about \$28 million.

SENATOR COOK said that Mr. Huffman stated if money were the only means to reach equity, we would need \$400 million - \$500 million. He feels he is accurate in that assessment. If school consolidation were to be brought into this to reach equity and adequacy, could we reach it with less new dollars. MS. NIELSON doesn't know.

SENATOR FLAKOLL brought up the transportation cost as part of the formula.

DAN ANDERSON, Supt. Ray Public School, stated that putting money on foundation aid payments and not spreading it out would give everybody a better benefit. He feels with the formula as is, his district would receive no new money. He feels with the change in the economy, there are better ways to address revenue issues.

LARRY KLUNDT, Ex. Dir. of ND Council of Educational Leaders, said there are several issues to consider:

- 1. the position of the group is to leave 32 mills as is
- 2. issues are more than the equalization issue
- 3. we need to take entire structure of funding into account since 1973, we have had to average averages because of set weighted factors

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- 1. property is not the only potential source of wealth
- 2. lots of problems with the finance formula

SENATOR COOK asked if in a "dream formula" is the mill levy deduct used. MR. KLUNDT stated No, every district would pay the same set levy. SENATOR COOK asked if there is no consensus on equity, how do you feel the Supreme Court would rule. MR. KLUNDT stated he did not know, and the maximum levy is 185 mills.

SENATOR FREBORG stated this bill doesn't speak to the whole formula, but feels this would help in the disparity that we are finding between districts. This is only about the mill levy deduct. If the mill deduct is high enough, everyone would have equity. MR. KLUNDT stated this bill will increase equity and if that is what the bill is to do, it does so. He feels that the best way to equity is to set a minimum levy, set a target price on what should be spent, and add all sources of revenue and come to the target cost per pupil. This is a dream equity and would require a radical change and would cost a lot of money.

The hearing was closed on SB 2182.

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CHAIRM IN FREBORG called the committee to order to discuss SB 2182. He would like to solicit ideas to increase the deduct. He feels this increase in mill deduct would help most districts. SENATOR COOK thinks this is a step in the right direction and would favor a larger increase. He feels the bill in the House is too drastic an increase. SENATOR FREBORG stated the problem is the disparity in property values per student. Property values have to be considered wealth. SENATOR COOK stated that if something isn't done this session, the future of ND education will be in jeopardy. Equity and NCLB are BIG issues this session and for the future.

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SENATOR FREBORG stated this bill is going to 100% of the 5 year average cost. The administrators who testified were talking about the weighting factor as not fair. He is having a problem understanding what they do want. SENATOR COOK feels some people don't understand what the deduct does. SENATOR FLAKOLL stated some people look at the deduct issue only and not at redistributed funds which many times is larger.

SENATOR FREBORG stated if we increase 8 mills in the deduct, it would increase \$100 per student.

SENATOR COOK would like to amend SB 2182 to raise the mill deduct. He moved to amend line 11, change 36 to 38 and line 22 change 38 to 40. Seconded by SENATOR CHRISTENSON. Roll Call Vote: 3 YES. 3 NO. Motion Failed.

SENATOR COOK moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR CHRISTENSON. Roll Call Vote: 3 YES. 3 NOP. Motion Failed.

SENATOR COOK stated that 23 - 25 states are now in court over the equity issue.

Committee Adjourned.

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SENATOR FREBORG stated that in several cases when the courts made a decision, if there was some movement or progress being made in the legislative body, they would not intervene. He further stated this is a minimal step in the direction of progress in equalization. He is very reluctant to forward any bills that will provide equity, because if they fail, we will be worse off than before.

SENATOR TAYLOR asked if the supplemental payments would be considered progress toward equity. SENATOR FREBORG stated yes, but it does not completely cover the problem (he thinks only 37 districts will be helped by that). This bill will help a lot and will take in every district below and above the average property value per student, and it would be healthy progress. When declining enrollment starts to determine property rich or poor, you will get more rich districts. SENATOR LEE asked if a supplemental payment increase would be a more acceptable

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method of moving in the direction of increasing equity than a mill deduct increase. SENATOR FREBORG stated that is a good point because it only appropriates money, and it isn't out of any specific district's pocket. He is also going to try to increase supplemental payments by at least \$1 million and maybe \$2 million. With the mill deduct increased and the supplemental payments increased, he feels the state would be on firm ground as far as with the courts.

SENATOR COOK stated that the courts are saying that what is being done is unconstitutional.

Senator Cook moved a DO PASS. Seconded by Senator Christenson. Roll Call Vote: 3 YES. 3 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Failed.

Senator Flakoll moved a DO NOT PASS. Seconded by Senator Taylor. Roll Call Vote: 3 YES. 3 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Failed.

SENATOR FLAKOLL moved WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. Seconded by SENATOR COOK. Roll Call Vote: 4 YES. 2 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

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1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to

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1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

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2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

The mill deduct is an equalization mechanism within the foundation aid formula. There is no state fiscal impact.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.
 - B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.
 - C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 22, 2003 1:09 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2182: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2182 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2182 House Education Committee

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Chairman Kelsch opened the hearing on SB 2182.

Sen. Layton Freborg, District 8, Underwood, handout

It took twenty years for the mil deduct to go from 20 to 32 mil levy deduct. This bill changes the deduct from 32 to 36 the first year of the next biennium. Then increase 2 mils each year. There is an escalator, so the second year would be 38 mil. The next biennium would be 40 and 42 mils. The handout does show you what one mil does, what 4 mils does, and so on. the mil deduct is very important. I think that it is the only true form of equity that we have and it is not much.

Allen Braaten, Richland County.

I am speaking in opposition of the hill. I feel our property taxes have just skyrocketed. Our property taxes are running about 2K a quarter, so go higher and some go lower. But I favor almost any type of tax increase, except this the mil levy deduct.

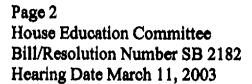
Arvid Winkler, farmer from Barnes County, attached graph and testimony.

I am in favor of SB 2182 regarding the school district equalization factor, as I know understand the bill. Previously I did not testify before this committee or any other. The straw that broke the

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camels back occurred on February 4, 2003. As an assessor I must annual attend a seminar for educational purposes. At that seminar I received the county mil levy sheet. I noticed in my township there are three school districts with varying mil levy. The one that poked me in the eye is for the Oriska school district that is 10.08 mils. It seems to be what games people play. They want to be in the low tax district and open enroll to the best educational district. When I went through the bill the one think that struck me was equalization. Working out of chapter 57, equalization is mentioned a number of times. In assessing what equalization is within 5 % of a known target. When I read through the bill here comes these terms mil deduct 36 and up to 38. I hear that Sen. Freborg wanted to go up to a 180 mil deduct as quoted in the paper. 36 to 180 is not equalization, this is a deduct and redistribution. This is tax and spend. Robin Hood lives on. Every one pay similar so that they can get similar benefits. No more games.

Dr. Paul K. Johnson, See Attached Testimony

Rep. Hawken: How does this fix it for you, whereas in my school district it doesn't fix it at all, it exasterbates it. Because the mil levy isn't the same as it is here as it is where I live. Someone said Robin Hood, and that is exactly right. That is the kind of system that we want.

Johnson: Probably not maybe the whole system needs to be reworked, The problems is that for the last 15 years the dependence on property taxes has increased and the state share of school funding has decreased from 60% to 40% today. I don't see that changing in the foreseeable future, unless the courts handle it. Unless the Legislature and the state of North Dakota decide to put more money in up front. from other tax sources and such. We have no choice but to fund our schools on property tax.

Rep. Hawken: But my property tax is funding someone else's school. There are two sides to this

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story. It is not in just one direction.

Johnson: I understand that very well. I have been the superintendent in Valley City and Bismarck, both under the state average as far a property value per student. I will say that the situation in Valley City was much more difficult because we were capped on the property tax that we could levy. In Bismarck that is not the case, we do have the ability to levy enough money to fund the system. Unfortunately, a mil in Bismarck bring in less then what it does in many other school districts in the state. So we see that as inequitable. I am simply speaking for the situation that I am finding myself in.

Rep. Williams Economically for many schools we can not raise mil levy deduct without raising the state dollars of input into foundation aid, would you agree.

Dan Hoffman, Fargo Public Schools, handout

Since I am last I thought I would check Neutral. I took the liberty of assuming Rep. Jon Nelson that you would like to restore the money to the Foundation Aid formula that has come from the increase in the mil levy deduct, and I have provided you with a handout of a possible scenario that would do that. It would increase the per pupil payments to 25.75 the first year and 26.98 the second year. please understand that is just one business managers attempt at addressing the issue of getting the money back into the formula. It would approx. 13M of additional money back into the Foundation aid formula. It is our belief that the mil levy deduct has taken the money from the Foundation Aid formula, the appropriations should put the money back into the Foundation Aid formula. I understand the situation that you are in as Legislators, and we to believe that as a state you need to address the issue of equity. However we believe that to adequately address the issue of equity you must also have a serious discussion of adequacy. And you have heard lots of

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testimony about the impact upon adequacy your attempts at equity will have without a realistic attempts to put the money back into the formula that the equity increase is attempting to resolve. You have increased the mil levy deduct 12 1/2%. That is probably the most significant increase in any one year. You increased the mil levy deduct an additional 6.5% the second year. Realistically to make those kind of attempts towards equity you have to have a serious discussion on adequacy and you have to talk about how that money can be put back into the formula so that the districts that are being impacted by this increase in the equity are also impacted positively by increases in adequacy. In our school district, for example, when you combine the increase in the mil levy deduct with 2% decrease in the weighting factors. The weighting factor alone for our high school kids accounts for \$100 of the increases in the per pupil payment you are giving us. So you are giving us increase per pupil payment, decreasing the high school weighting factor, taking back the \$100 of it, then you are also increasing the mil levy deduct on top of that. We recognize and support this states efforts to address issue of equity, but it needs to be done in context of adequacy. Chairman Kelsch If everyone is unhappy that means we did the right thing. **Hoffman:** You would have done the right thing, if everyone would go home happy. Chairman Kelsch We are going to do it in this order. Restore the money (11.5-13M), mil deduct is applied, 13M for the mil deduct is re-circulated, we have 5M in supplemental payments, are you happy? Hoffman: We would support that. **Rep. Hawken:** Is the supplemental payment on the old formula or the new formula?

Rep. Hawken: Is the supplemental payment on the old formula or the new formula?

Chairman Kelsch I think that efforts were noble, but if we look at what the effects were, they were not what we hoped for. So I think we have to go back to the old formula.

Hoffman: We are not a recipient of the supplemental equity payments, but if I can offer a

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suggestion, I would suggest that you go back to the old formula and use it as your starting point and not the new formula.

Joe Westby, NDEA

We support equity. The mil levy deduct is ND attempt to equalize for the differing property values that exist in school districts in the state. So hopefully we get the same number of dollars going to schools to support the education of each child. We realize that this is not a perfect system, it is not totally equalized and it won't be even with 2182. But what we are really concerned about is if we pass 2182 and we don't put any more money into the formula, we are going to hurt a lot of school districts. We are going to be taking money away from them without putting money back in the other end. So I would encourage you, if you are going to pass 2182 that seriously look at putting more money into the formula.

Rep. Sitte What do you think would be an equitable amount for a per pupil payment?

Westby: I don't have the numbers in front of me and I'm not sure I can even answer that question. There has to be limits in the variance that exists from district to district, in order to meet the requirements that most folks would believe that you have to reach some equity. I am not sure what that number is.

OPPOSITION:

Myron Vigesa, Kensel School Board member & parent

Review a little about the bill that seems to be pitting the rich against the poor, and trying to justify the passage of the bill on that basis. I submit to you that rich vs. poor can be looked at from several different ways. True some of the rural districts have a lot of land valuation behind each student, however we are student poor. And we still have the job of educating our children.

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A article in the Bismarck Tribune recently, a editorial, covered my sentiments in that regard. It looks to me like this bill are going to ultimately end up in some joint committee. And I would like assurances that the result of your joint committee meeting are not going to adversely affect individuals schools. I would encourage the mil levy deduct be left as it currently is rather than going to the new plan. True life is not fair, but it looks to me that the way the bill reads it will get more unfair for our local. Please consider my thoughts.

Dean Bard, NDSOS, Under their legislative program #10, there should be no increasing of the mil levy deduct until the state reaches a level of funding that equals or exceeds 70% of the statewide average of the cost of education.

Sandy Clark, NDFB, See Attached Testimony

Rep. Williams Your 5th paragraph, (read) that isn't always true simply because of 185 mil levy deduct cap. Small school districts could be forced to give mils back and they are at the cap.

Clark: Yes if we continue to go with increased mil levy deduct.

Rep. Mueller Continued escalation of the property tax is a concern. We are bond by the Constitution of this state to balance the budget, and obviously we keep hearing your statement about having enough money. My question is where is the money to come from?

Clark: I appreciate your comments, if I had that answer I would be sitting where you are, it is not easy. We are hoping that you could put the money back in from the Governor's budget.

Rep. Mueller This committee sits here with huge education issues, but you go down the hall and their are human services needs, and the list does not end, so again we either have to do more cutting, or we have to have more revenue. So my question is where do we find the money?

Clark: We have a policy that says we don't like tax increases. If we have to look at an increase

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for education, we would like income tax to increase with some reduction in the property taxes.

Rep. Haas Do you see some kind of a disconnect between what apparently people want in regard to the funding of elementary and secondary education and their willingness to pay for it and a further disconnect between our ability to perhaps put as much money into this as what people say is necessary in order to have it be 'adequate'?

Clark: We see some discrepancies, certainly we all have the I want or the give me type of philosophy. And we have to get over that type of mentality. I think when you look at some of the smaller schools that are very committed to maintaining the schools and the facilities, I think you will find they are paying for them now. 2nd part, where do we draw those lines. That is not easy, where we determine what we can afford. Unfortunately in a lot of cases we like local control as well so that they can make some of those determinations on what they can afford and what they can not. And when they can no longer afford they can close or consolidate.

Rep. Jon Nelson Worst case scenario, we are sitting here with a bill that raises the mil levy deduct 4 mils, if the lawsuit goes forward and a judge declares that the funding system is inequitable and they win. The Supreme court enforces that argument. And one of the cases that was brought up this morning in one of the states, that half of the schools were closed by the courts. Would your organization then look back and say it was okay, Would you second guess your position to oppose this bill at that point.

Clark: We can play Monday morning quarterback. I don't dispute a court case could be detrimental.

Rep. Jon Nelson Just to continue with the point, as we try to align ourselves with the inevitable court battle, obviously the comparison between 1992 and 2003 is going to take place. Now there

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is a number of ways to put yourself in the best possible scenario for when that comparison takes place. I would think that the judge will look at this as coming closer together on the definition of equity and that was determined in the lawsuit on what areas that need to improve upon or have we drifted further apart. I think that we would be in a better position, don't you.

Clark: We were looking restoring the money into foundation aid would be able to help do some of that, without the dramatic change in the mil levy deduct. And if there is some way to accomplish some of this and that you can See Attached Testimony fit, between 36 and 38, we would really appreciate that to.

Rep. Sitte What is the average taxes on quarter of land is about 2K?

Clark: It is going to vary dramatically across the state. Averages is very difficult because we have so many different soil types and different land forms. Very difficult to answer that. Chairman Kelsch Here is an example, Devils Lake is considered a poor district because it only has \$6934 in taxable property to supporting each student. Starkweather and Edmore who neighboring school districts to Devils Lake there are considered wealthy because they have \$25,434 in taxable properties for each of their students. That is where the argument comes from, the taxable valuation of the land.

Ellen Milder, School board member at Hettinger, See Attached Testimony & handout (6000 to end) flip tape (00-500)

Rep. Herbel I appreciate what you are presenting here, but what do yo say to a school district that is property poor and can only raise \$4K per student and at the same time have a mil levy that is over 80 mils, consequently that can't raise money either, and they have raised the mil levy to the maximum that they can get. What is your solution for the problem?

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Milder: What would be fair, what we have talked about a lot is that all resources for school districts should be put on the table. I don't know if they have all of the resources on the table at this time. We have been very conservative in increasing the taxes. I would want to look at the per capita income is, what is the median income. What kind of equity situation is going on. We neighbor a community that has 1.9M in oil reserves/income. Their budget is double of ours. And they have 75-100 more students then we do. That is just a contrast of those that have and those that do not have.

Chairman Kelsch Did I hear you to say that you would believe that equity would be taking all sources and running them through the mil levy deduct and distributing it out that way.

Milder: I think it would be fair to put all the money on the table, these are the resources. Using just property taxes, you have property rich and property poor, it leaves out all the resources.

Chairman Kelsch One other thing to correct your testimony, you talk about how your teachers are not compensated at the levels of the property poor districts are. I went through and listed who you have listed as the property poor districts and you were trying to make a statement as far as who had oil or coal. On your base starting pay you are about higher than half of them.

Milder: that has been a conservative effort to withhold on our health benefits intentionally on the last two years of negotiations because of our effort to raise the base. Because we are in a situation we have a very experience staff and several have applied for early retirement. We know that we

Arden Nader, Max School District

75 districts in ND, levy less than 180 mils. The rest of them are all above. And many of those are above, a high percentage are above 200. Now this is total mils, this is general fund, building

are in a very difficult recruitment situation. And we want more in the base.

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fund, everything. The thing that I found amazing as I went through the numbers, I found that many of these school districts, and I will pick on the Devils Lake region, were impacted by Mother Nature. They lost a tremendous amount of valuation by Mother Nature, yet their per student instructional cost is approx. 4K. 2/3 of what ours is. I find that fascinating, I also found something else as I went through the book, from the interim committee dated January 2002, the most efficient school district n the state is Langdon. I was amazed, I don't know why and I don't know what they do different. But the school districts that want to file a lawsuit, Grafton, Devils Lake, Williston, have all been impacted by something that they themselves had no control of. The oil in Williston, the flooding in Devils Lake, and Grafton school. As you work with the numbers and talk about equity you have a lot of numbers, one of the numbers that I played with was maintenance and operation of the plant. That varies from 390 vs. 3,000 in another. The differences all have an impact. Transportation, one district has 141 per student and the next has 1000 per student. And all of these are factors that we have to try to work in to equity. The only thing I know for sure is that I have played with these numbers, the fact remains that the state has to plug some money in at the top. Whether it is teacher compensation or foundation aid or a combination there of. It has to be done, otherwise we are going to fail. I proposed this summer a small percentage of the sales tax that I think works the best. But to take it back through this mil levy deduct back to the property tax, we are going to fail.

Tom Tracy of Kensel, Superintendent

Is it true that some of the larger districts that a percentage of their land that taxes are not paid. And is it possible, if you took all of the land where taxes are not paid, and allow even 1/2 of that land to be taxed. Would that help alleviate the problem.

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Rep. Herbel Incentive to economic development, Marvin Windows for instance came to Grafton, and we are one of the poor districts, Marvin windows was not paying any taxes because they were not there, Now they are there and down the road they will pay, they have offered us 650 jobs that kept people in the community that would have left, so are you asking me is that a good deal. the answer is yes.

Tracy And there was x number of students that were added to the school enrollment as the result of them coming in. And there would be an increase in Foundation Aid at Grafton as a result of Marvin Windows and additional students coming in. So the question is are these incentives gone over the point where they are creating this inequity?

Rep. Hawken: We don't have control over a lot of the taxes. You don't have control over any government property.

Rep. Mueller You need to go to the Finance and Tax Committee, it may be to late this session.

Rep. Williams Most of the tax exemptions are through city and county governments.

Closed hearing

Added handin testimony

John Kringen, Enderlin Superintendent

Wayne Lingen, Bisbee-Egeland and Cando School District Superintendent

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Chairman Kelsch open the committee work on SB 2182 for the purpose of defeating it, we have rolled the mil deduct into the funding bill of SB 2154, and so we don't need this.

Rep. Mueller moved a DNP, Rep. Herbel second.

roll vote: 13-0-1 Chairman Kelsch will carry the bill to the floor.

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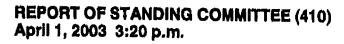
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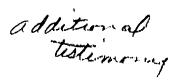
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Testimony on SB 2182 January 21, 2003 Senate Education Committee Layton Freborg, Chairman

Senator Freborg and Members of the Committee:

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My name is Paul K. Johnson and I am superintendent of the Bismarck School District.

I am submitting written testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2182. I was late to the hearing on January 21, 2003 and had to leave early. The Bismarck School District supports Senate Bill 2182.

Our current funding system assumes that local effort in the form of property taxes accounts for almost half of the funding of each local school district. No one disputes the fact that school districts vary widely in the relative value of the property in the school district. Therefore, districts vary widely in their ability to raise money by levying property taxes. One district may be able to raise the same amount as another by levying less than half the taxes.

Many district officials and association spokespersons argue that to achieve equity the entire system must be reworked. That may be the case. However, funding of education in North Dakota currently depends heavily on property taxes and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Therefore, every effort must be made to balance the foundation aid appropriations of property rich and property poor school districts. Increasing the number of mills in the equalization factor is a tried and true method of providing some equity in the area of relative property wealth of school districts.

We urge a Do Pass for Senate Bill 2182.

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Chairman Freborg and Senators,

SB2/82

Thank you for this opportunity to address your committee. My name is Steve Swiontek, Superintendent of Schools at Devils Lake. I am here today to state that SB 2182 is not the bill that is needed to address the inequity that is found in North Dakota School funding for primary and secondary education. Raising the mill levy deduct by 4 mills in the first year of the biennium and 2 mills each year after provides very little to the property poor school districts of North Dakota. If this bill was to pass and North Dakota continues to use the same system of education finance we would then reach equity when the mill levy deduct reaches 180 mills. Using this bill we would have funding equity in the year 2075. (180-36=144. 144/2 = 72. 72 + 2003 = 2075. That is far too long to wait to establish equity. If North Dakota is continue to use local property tax as one of the main sources for revenue for primary and secondary education then I would suggest to you to amend this bill. Apply to the current 32 mill deduct, a 30 mill deduct to the first year and raise the mill levy deduct an additional 30 mills each year after that until the level reaches 180 mills, then North Dakota will have equity. The 180 mill deduct was suggested by Dr. Bass of the University of North Dakota some years back as a way to establish funding equity in North Dakota.

It is time for North Dakota to fix a school finance system that is unfair. How can some schools spend in excess of \$15,000 per student while other districts can only spend \$3800? Even in Ramsey County there is a wide range of per pupil expenditures, Devils Lake has the ability to spend \$4533 per student while Edmore is able to spend \$8321 per student. When we do not have the funds to spend on our students, this obviously translates into

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many things: such as higher student to teacher ratios, reduced curriculum offerings, and inability to recruit and retain high quality teachers. The state constitution guarantees a uniform system of education for all students in North Dakota. The range of dollars that I cited to you is not a uniform system.

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In 1993 Dr. Wayne Sanstead wrote: "A Plan Providing Educational Equity for North Dakota Students. I would suggest to this committee that you examine the plan and utilize some if not all of the recommendation found in this paper.

To close, I want to thank you Senators Freborg, Cook, Lyson and Traynor and Representatives: Johnson and Keiser, for you, I believe, understand the problem and want to do something about it. But this bill does not go far enough, soon enough, to correct the problem.

Thank you.

I would be most happy to answer any questions.

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Dan Hoffman Fargo

58th North Dakota Legislative Assembly Senate Education Committee SB 2182

Senate Bill 2182 increases the equalization factor in the foundation aid formula six (6) mills. This increase is an effort to address the equity issues in education funding. While there are issues related to equity in the current funding formula, they can not be resolved without the solution also including a discussion of adequacy.

This proposed increase in the mill deduct will increase the deduction from the foundation aid payment in the Fargo School district by \$1,000,000. In order for our district to maintain the same level of foundation aid we received the previous year, the per pupil payment would have to increase \$100 per pupil. Declining enrollment, which most districts in the state also face each year, further reduces the foundation aid payment by \$350,000 based on the 2002-2003 per pupil payment amount of \$2,347.

Our local levy, like many, is capped. We have limited ability to generate additional resources to fund continued increases in the cost for textbooks, assessments, instructional supplies and equipment, technology, special education, support personnel, heat, electricity, facility maintenance, and all the other costs incurred in the operation of the district.

At the present time, the majority of the new money is included in the teacher compensation formula. If that continues, most school districts will be faced with reduced funds for operational costs, many for the second year in a row.

A more comprehensive discussion of education funding needs to be undertaken before individual components of the formula are adjusted. Equity can be achieved without adequacy, but the real issue may in fact be adequacy.

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SB 2182 House Education Committee School District Equalization Factor March 11, 2003

My name is Arvid Winkler. I am a farmer and township assessor in Barnes County. I have been the Cuba Township assessor since 1977. I have a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NDSU. I spent most of the first eight years of my educational experience in a one room rural school in Cuba District 33. I crisscrossed the country in the engineering profession before returning to North Dakota.

I am in favor of SB 2182 regarding the school district equalization factor as I now understand the bill.

I have never testified before this committee before. A series of events has led me to this moment. The straw that really broke the camel's back occurred on February 4 of this year.

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BARNES COUNTY STATE/COUNTY MILL LEVIES FOR 2002

Two#	SD#	FD#	Entity	Valuation	Co-Wide	Tswp	School Park	Fire	State	Total
1	2		Alta	564,021	108.15	24.82	231.07		1.00	365,04
1 2	13 65	- 3	Alta Anderson	532,302	108.15	24,82 20,70			1.00	144.05
2	65	17	Anderson	332,302	108,15 108,15	20.70	137.60 137.60	5.00 8.28	[.00]	272.45
3	1 2	 	Ashtabula	461,139	108.15	15,61		0.28	1.00 1.00	275.73 355.83
3	65	1	Ashtabula		108.15	13.61	137.60		1.00	262.36
4	2	9	Baldwin	398,808	107.24	18.00	231.07	7.14	1.00	364.45
4	65	9	Baldwin	1	107.24	18.00		7.14	1.00	270.98
4	18	9	Baldwin Baldwin		107.24 107.24	18.00		7.14	1.00	366.82
3	130	7-	Binghampton	459,236	107.24	18,00 25,91	190.13 140.84	7.14 5.00	1.00	323.51 280.90
	100	1 7	Binghampton	457,250	108.15	25,91	224,29	5.00	1.00	364.35
6	65	17	Brimer	388,210	108.15	35.63	137.60	8.28	1.00	290.66
6	82	17	Brimer		108.15	35,63	136.18	8.28	1.00	289.24
7	2	ļ	Cuba	586,001	108,15	30.72	231.07		1.00	370.94
7	13	 	Cuba Cuba		108.15 108.15	30.72 30.72			1.00	149.95
8	65	 	Dazey	398,447	108.15	19.31	140.84 137.60	5.00	1,00	280.71 271.06
8	18	i	Dazoy	3,70,711	108.15	19.31	233.44	5.00	1.00	366.90
9	2	17	Eckelson	499,552	108,15	21.09	231.07	8,28	1.00	369.59
9	65	17	Eckelson		108.15	21.09	137.60	8,28	1.00	276.12
9	82	17	Eckelson	1100.000	108.15	21.09	136.18	8.28	1.00	274.70
10	65	9	Edna Ellsbury	1,190,078 504,444	108,15	15.63 27.00	137.60 231.07	5.00	1.00	267.38
 	120	9	Elisbury	304,444	108.15	27.00	190.13	7.14 7.14	1.00	374.36 333.42
 ii	160	-3-	Elisbury	 	108.15	27.00	179.57	7.14	1.00	322.86
· 12	2		Getchell	471,361	108.15	31,90	231.07		1.00	372.12
12	65		Getchell		108.15	31.90	137.60		1.00	278.65
13	2		Grand Prairie	396,540	108.15	39.60	231.07		1.00	379.82
13 13	13 65		Grand Prairie Grand Prairie		108.15	39.60 39.60	10.08 137.60		1.00	158.83 286.35
13	120		Grand Prairie		108.15	39.60	190.13		1.00	338.88
13	160		Grand Prairie		108.15	39.60	179.57		1.00	328.32
14	2		Green	420,777	108.15	36.04	231.07		1.00	376.26
14	65		Green		108.15	36.04	137.60		1.00	282.79
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16	52	$-\frac{17}{17}$	Hemen	300,470	108.15	25.92	112.05	8.28	1.00	255.40
16	65	17	Hemen		208.15	25.92	137.60	8.28	1.00	280.95
17	7		Hobart	1,065,208	108.15	27.00	231.07		1.00	367.22
17	65		Hobat		108.15	27.00	137.60		1.00	273.75
18	65	1	Laketown	399,395	108.15	16.55	137.60	5.00	1.00	268.30
18	82 18	1	Laketown Laketown		108.15	16.55	136.18	5.00 5.00	1.00	266.88 364.14
19	2	17	Mansfield	415,481	108,15	26.30	231.07	8.28	1.00	374.80
19	52	17	Mansfield		108.15	26.30	112.05	8.28	1.00	255.78
19	150		Mansfield		108.15	26.30	210.28	8.28	1.00	354.01
20	52		Marsh	1,075,916	108.15	24.17	231.07		1.00	364.39
21 21	140		Meadow Lake Meadow Lake	415,779	108.15	29.15 29.15	112,05 131.61		1,00	250.35 269.91
21	150		Meadow Lake	 	108.15	29.15	210.28		1.00	348.58
22	13	15	Minnie Lake	433,232	108.15	23.89	10.08	4.74	1.00	147.86
22	160	15	Minnie Lake		108.15	23.89	179.57	4.74	1.00	317.35
23	2		Nelson	369,520	108.15	23.91	231.07	5.00	1.00	369.13
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24	2		Noltimier	397,064	108.15	36.53	231.07	3,00	1.00	376.75
24	13		Noltimier		108.15	36,53	10.08		1.00	155.76
25	2		Norma	822,755	108.15	18.54	231.07		1.00	358.76
25	2		Norma		108.13	18.54	231.07	5.00	1.00	363.76
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26	2	11	Oakhill	325,072	108.15	15.38	231.07	5.00	1.00	360.60
26	52	11	Oakhill		108.15	15.38	112.05	5.00	1.00	241.58
27	13		Oriska Oriska	501,151	108.15	18.00	10.08	2.29	1.00	139.52
27	130		Oriska Diagon	1 602 006	108.15	18.00	140.84	2.29	1,00	270.28
28 28	65 82		Pierce Pierce	1,904,088	108.15 108.15	6.56 6.56	137.60 136.18	5.26 5.26	1.00	258.57 257.15
29	2		Potter	446,702	108.15	16.29	231.07	8.28	1.00	364.79
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BARNES COUNTY STATE/COUNTY MILL LEVIES FOR 2002

Two#	SD#	FD #	Entity	Valuation	Co-Wide	Tawp	School	Park	Fire	State	Total
30	100	5	Raritan	913,458	108.13	12.5	224.29		9.49		355.
30	100	13	Raritan		108.13				5.00	1.00	351.05
30	130	13	Raritan		108.13				5.00		267.58
31	65	<u> </u>	Rogers	395,482	108.13					1.00	267.01
31	65	1 1	Rogers	400.000	108.13	20.2			5.00		272.01
32 32	52 140	ļ	Rosebud	429,972	108.13			ļ		1.00	245.23
33	·	 	Rosebud Sibley Trail	351,477	108.1		3 (31.61		1	1.00	264.79
33	65	 	Sibley Trail	331,477	108.13 108.13		3 231.07 3 137.60		5.00		364.30
33	18	 	Sibley Trail		108.13	19.0	3 233.44	 -	5.00 5.00		270.83 366.67
34	2	 	Skandia	351,951	108.13		3 231.07		3.00	1.00	363.20
, 34	52	 	Skandia		108.13	22.9	112.05		 	1.00	244.18
35	2	 -	Spring Creek	447,846	108.13	22.0	231.07	 	 	1.00	362.30
35	2	111	Spring Creek		108.15		231.07		5.00		367.30
35	52	 	Spring Creek	1	108.15	22.0	112.05		 	1.00	243.28
36	13	7	Springvale	427,710	108.15	31.40	10.08	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5.00		155.63
36	13	19	Springvale		108.15	31.40	10.08		2.29		152.92
36	130	7	Springvale		108.15	31.40	140.84		5.00	1.00	286.39
36	130	19	Springvale		108.15	31.40	140.84		2,29		283.68
37	2		Stewart	897,195	108.15					1.00	359.17
37	65		Stewart		108.15	18,9	137.60			1.00	265.70
	52		Svea	365,593	108.15		112.05			1.00	248.20
77	2	11	Thordenskjold	397,646	108.15	31,10	231.07		5.00		376.32
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39	100	13	Thordenskjold		108.15		224.29	/	5.00	1.00	369,54
40	65	21	Uxbridge	510,267	108.15		137.60		5.26	1.00	270.01
40	82	21	Uxbridge	310,201	108.15	18.00	136.18		5.26	1.00	268.59
41	2	 -	Valley	1,378,610	108,15		231.07			1.00	367.22
42	13	19	Wolmer	466,265	108.15		10.08		2.29	1.00	139.
42	130	19	Weimer		108.15				2.29		270
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City#	SD#	FD#	Entity	Valuation	Co-Wide	City	School	Park	Fire	State	Total
50	65	1	Cty of Dazey	41,749	108.15	61.68	137.60		5.00	1,00	313.43
51	130	7	Cty of Fingal	75,449	108.15	84.37	140.84	6.63	5.00	1.00	345.99
52	2	11	Cty of Kathryn	59,350	108,15			3.37	5.00		393.06
53	65	3	Cty of Leal	36,953	108.15				5.00	1.00	299.58
54	52		Cty of Litchville	119,482	107.15	156.29	112.05	7.87		1,00	384.36
55	100	13	Cty of Nome	25,153	107.15	46.32	224.29	4.00	5.00	1.00	387.76
56	13		Cty of Oriska	72,384	108.15				714	1,00	162.41 367.60
57	65		Cty of Pillsbury Cty of Rogers	38,405 117,218	107.24				7.14	1.00	303.20
59	65		Cty of Sanborn	122,087	108.15			4.20	8.28	1.00	370.65
60	65		Cty of Sibley	55,086	108.15			4,20	0.25	1.00	291,18
61	130	-,	Cty of Tower City	16,555	108.15					1.00	297.63
62	82	21	Cty of Wimbledon	260,841	105.78				5.26	1.00	340.57
63	2		Cty of Valley City	7,306,232	105.29			39.54		1.00	486.84
, , ,			County Valuation	32,321,849							
				STATE & COUN							
General Fund		23.00		Oasis & Soc Securi	ty		Garrison Diversio	n	1.00		
Road & Bridge		0.50		County Extension			Airport		2.37		
City/County Healt		2.52		Farm to Market 15			Winter Chow		2.16		
Veterans Services		1.15		BC Economic Devi			Older ins		1.05		
County Poor Relie	ıf	20.00		Correctional Center		5.00			0.91		
County Park		1.00		Comp Health Care	····	3.28			2.35		
Weed Control		2.00		Insurance Reserve	·		Historical Society		0.25		
Leafy Spurge		1,00		2000 Bridge Sinking	<u> </u>		Library		1.86		
Advertising		0.36		Soil Conservation		1,00	State Medical Cen	INDI	1.00		
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Testimony on SB 2182 March 11, 2003 House Education Committee RaeAnn Kelsch, Chair

Representative Kelsch and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul K. Johnson and I am superintendent of the Bismarck School District.

I am testifying in favor of Senate Bill 2182. The Bismarck School District supports Senate Bill 2182.

Our current funding system assumes that local effort in the form of property taxes account for almost half of the funding of each local school district. No one disputes the fact that school districts vary widely in the relative value of the property in the school district. Therefore, districts vary widely in their ability to raise money by levying property taxes. One district may be able to raise the same amount as another by levying less than half the taxes.

Many district officials and association spokespersons argue that to achieve equity the entire system must be reworked. That may be the case. However, funding of education in North Dakota currently depends heavily on property taxes and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Therefore, every effort must be made to balance the foundation aid appropriations of property rich and property poor school districts. Increasing the number of mills in the equalization factor is a tried and true method of providing some equity in the area of relative property wealth of school districts.

We urge a Do Pass for Senate Bill 2182.

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^ State of North Dakota State Foundation Aid Distribution Fiscal Years 2003-2005

Using OF data of 12/31/2002 and 36 4/36 mills' Senate Version of 2154 & 2182

2001-2003 Appropriation andation Aid Increase

473,971,648 4,085,342 0.86%

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OMB Calculations Information	Enroll	Factors	WPU		Enroll	Pactors	WPU	
Presch	737	1,1988	884		737	1.2321	908	
Kindergarten	7,017	0.6055		J	7,017	0.6241	4,379	
Rural Grades 1-8	51	1,3651	70	i		1.3801	•	
Elementary	326	off formula	70	- 1	49		68	
Grades 1-6 <100	8,220	1,2549	10,315		457	off formula	40.000	
Grades 1-6 100-999	14,015	0.9437			8,561	1.2840	10,992	
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•	51,414		50,033	1	50,481		49,839	
Grades 7-8	16,218	0.9807	15,905	ľ	16,968	0.9705	16,577	
High School	167	off formula			180	off formula		
Grades 9-12 <78	4,634	1,2276	5,689	ł	4,824	1.2086	5,830	
Grades 9-12 75-149	5,379	1,1398	6,131	- 1	4,913	1.1054	5,431	
Grades 9-12 150-549	5,441	0.9897	5,385		5,285	0.9455	4,997	
Grades 9-12 >549	18,264	1.0270	18,757	ł	18,044	1.0070	18,170	
Total High School	33,885		35,962		33,246		34,428	
Total Enroll & WPU-OMB Data	101,517		101,900	ĺ	99,695		99,844	
Pupil Payments		in the second se	······································					
Per Pupil Payment & % Change		2.347	2,576	9.71%		1	2,698	4.78
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		65%			1009	
Preschool Special Ed.	737	1,1984	884	737	1,2321	90
Madagada Cu.	7,017		4,249			4,37
Kindergerien Rural Grades 1-6	61	0.6066	70			4,37
AURI GIRCES 1-6	B1	1,3031			1,3001	<u> </u>
Elementary	326	Students off the form			Students of the for	
Grødes 1-6 < 100	8,220	1,2549	10,315	8,561		
Grades 1-6 100-999	14,016	0.9437	13,226	12,801	The second secon	12,16
Grades 1-6 > 999	21,048	1.0116	21,290	20,866	1.0223	21,32
TOTAL PRESCHOOL-ELEMENTARY	81,414		60,034	50,481		49,83
Grades 7-8	16,218	0.9907	15,906	15,966	0,9758	15,57
High School	167	Students off the for	mule	180	Students of the fan	
Grades 9-12 < 75	4,634	1.4440	6,691	4,624	1,4121	J,81:
Grades 9-12 75-1-19	6,379	1,1398	6,131	4,913		6,43
Grades 9-12 150-549	5,441	0.9897	5,385	5,266	0.9466	4,60
Grades 9-12 > 549	18,264	1.0270	18,757	18,044	1 0070	18,17
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL	33,885		36,264	33,246		35,410
Total Enr. and Wgt. Pupil Units	101,517		102,903	90,696		100,82
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Pupil Payment	 	2,347	\$2,428.72			\$2,521.2
Percent change from previous year			3.48%			3.81
Fot, Est. Bees Pupil Payment			\$249,922,262		 	\$254,200,94
TOT SAME DESCRIPTION						
ADM Adjustment		3,000	ΰ 7,298, 151		3,000	\$7,563,62
Out-of-district special education		600	\$1,457,230		600	\$1,512,72
orl Yales - Standing Rock contingency			,90		0	*
BY Adjustment 2003 05		86	\$0 \$206,441		85	\$214,30
Summer School - High School			\$2,671,323.00			\$2,708,818.20
Summer School - Elementary			\$890,441,00		 	\$902,272.70
Migran/ESY Program		110	\$207,159		110	\$277.33
form-Based Instruction	380	180	\$437,189		130	\$453,010
State Child Plecement	300	180	\$1,348,081		100	\$1,402,616
Excess Cost for Agency-pleased Students			\$1,137,184		 	\$1,182,871
imited English Proficiency			325,000			\$325,000
otal Essented Pupil Payments		108,503	\$265,949,211		104,426	\$270,742,026
raisponation net (capped at 90% of cost)		17,600,000			\$17,300,000
otal Estimated Foundation Ald			\$283,649,210.93			\$288,342,326.07
ses Mill Deduct Tex. Vel. =	\$1,421,821,998	32.00	(\$15,498,304)	1,473,007,690	32.00	(\$47,136,743
ess Excess Fund Balance stimate for prior year adjustment			(200,000) (400,000)		3.60%	(400,000
et State Foundation Aid			\$237,460,906.93 49,67%			\$240,600,083,07 60,333
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North Dakota Farm Bureau

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House Education Committee

March 11, 2003

Testimony by North Dakota Farm Bureau

presented by Sandy Clark, public policy team

Good morning, Madam Chair and members of the committee. For the record my name is Sandy Clark and I represent North Dakota Farm Bureau.

North Dakota Farm Bureau policy states "we oppose the mill levy deduct system in support of a more equitable distribution of tax dollars and oppose increases in the deduction level." Therefore, we oppose SB 2182.

North Dakota Farm Bureau opposes any increase in the mill levy deduct. Going from 32 to 36 mills and then 38 is quite a leap. Beginning in 2005, the bill calls for an automatic two-mill increase each year, with no cap. At what point, is enough enough?

The mill levy deduct system is the school district equalization factor that equalizes funding between property "rich" districts and property "poor" districts.

As the mill levy deduct goes up, property taxes go up, because school districts with high valuation and lower student enrollment get less foundation aid and they have to raise property taxes to provide their funding.

Owners of ag land are already carrying more of the school tax burden on a per landowner basis than any other segment. We talk a lot about valuations, mill levies and mill levy deducts. But the reality is...we don't pay taxes with valuations, mill levies or with mill levy deducts...we pay taxes with cash. As long as education funding continues to rely so heavily on property taxes, property owners will bear the weight of education funding.

Therefore, North Dakota Farm Bureau opposes SB 2182 and urges a do not pass recommendation. Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to entertain any questions you might have.

One future. One voice.

Hettinger School District Opposition to SE2182

This legislation will increase the mil deduct 4 mils, at our current mil value of \$6109, the amount of money taken away from our State Funding next year will be \$219,924. This legislation will increase the mil deduct 2 mils each year indefinitely. We cannot absorb this loss and provide the education and compensation at current level.

Education equity is not being addressed. Hettinger School District cannot afford to offer the educational opportunities to our students that many of the "property poor" districts have always offered. Our teachers are not compensated at the levels that "property poor" districts are, there are obvious inequities here that need to be addressed by the legislature.

In Senate Bill 2182 the voting record clearly outlines a partisan response: Those who <u>voted for</u> decrease in state funding to rural "property rich" districts:

27 Republicans

4 Democrats from city "property poor" districts

Those who for voted against a decrease in state funding to "property rich" district

13 Democrats

4 Republicans from rural "property rich" districts
Education equity is a concern of all and is not a partisan dilemma. SB 2182 should not have passed the North Dakota Senate. Please do not pass in the House. Property tax cannot pay the way of education any longer. Income tax, sales tax, reworking the mil deduct to address real resources of districts could all become part of paying for education.

Hettinger School District community does not have the resource depth to close this gap. We will lose additional 2003-2004 foundation aid due to declining enrollments in excess of \$60,000 in addition to \$219,924 loss of state funding to proposed mil deduct law or \$195,488 if it remains unchanged.

The irony of sending food trucks to our community due to economic hardships of agriculture, while <u>increasing</u> Agriculture tax 8% last year and another 6% this year while <u>decreasing</u> education state funding based on land value alone, is not lost on our community or our school board.

There are 53 "Property Poor" districts, DPI states there are 221 school districts, leaving 168 "Property Rich" districts. A short list below of "Property Poor" districts: Grand Forks (highest paid teachers in ND), Bismarck (BSC), Mandan (median income of \$38,000), Dickinson (DSU), Jamestown (Jamestown Univ), Beulah (Coal), Bowman (Oil) Williston (oil), Wahpeton (Jr. Coll), Minot (AFB), of course there are other communities like ours deserving of supplemental state aid, only they are designated "Property Poor" and will receive it. Adams County and the Hettinger School District are "Property Rich" Please defeat SB2182 and address the inequity of this funding system.

Sincerely, Hettinger School Board

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HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2002-2003

General Fund Appropriated Budget

\$2,867,951

Revenues Deficit

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\$2,724,079 (includes ND State Funding)

\$ 143,872

General Fund mill levy - present @152

Additional mills: Bldg 10mill, HS Tuition 10 mills, Tech 5 mills = Total 177

32 mil deduct from State funding-('02 mill value@ 5906) - \$189,021

Per pupil mil deduct = \$476

Anticipated ND State Funding to Hettinger for 2002-2003 \$1,186,444

*State Funding =43% of Hettinger Budget

Hettinger School District Facts

*2nd lowest per capita earnings in ND (US Bureau of Statistics 2000)

*Severe drought damage and economic loss to Agricultural community

*Declining enrollments of 30-35 students per year, losing significant state aid

*Send 31 students across border to school (tuition cost levy of 10 mils), net cost to District after removing State funding = \$137,534

*Our School Building is very old and in need (levy of 10 mils)

*Technology needs for students (5 mil levy)

School Board position

*Did not increase mil levy on our school district due to:

1. Drought

- 2. State tax increase of 8% on Agricultural property for 2002 State tax increase of 6% on Agricultural property for 2003
- 3. Hoping for increased State Educational Funding

*Feel mil deduct on "Property rich school District" is too narrowly defined.

1. "Property rich" does not define ability to pay

- 2. "Property rich" does not define additional resources districts have
- 3. "Property rich" or "Property Poor" does not count those who pay no property taxes but yet consume educational facilities of district.
- 4. Without the mill deduct our district could make improvements in teacher compensation and educational offerings to our students.
- 5. Our mill deduct distributes money to "property poor" districts that have tremendous additional resources in oil, coal, higher education schools, military bases, which contribute millions of tax dollars to their communities in economic impact, and healthy economies that draw from rural areas. All these monies are accessed for their schools.
- 6. In our legislative district, Bowman County received \$1.89 million in revenue from oil. Yet their district is determined to be "property poor" and has less of a mill deduct and assess fewer mills (160) in the district. There are many property poor districts that have additional resources.
- 6. Hettinger School District does not have any additional resources.
- 7. Hettinger School District can only tax its patrons for needed resources
- 8. Per capita earnings are not factored into need of state funding.

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HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACTS AND FIGURES

WHY THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN NOT SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN THE MILL DEDUCT OF 4 MILLS IN 2003-04 AND 2 MILLS THEREAFTER

1987-88 to 1996-97 (10 year period) AVERAGE ENROLLMENT (K - 12)

495 STUDENTS

THE MILL DEDUCT INCREASED TO 28 MILLS IN 1995-96 AND TO 32 MILIS IN 1996-97

1996-97 VALUATION - \$5,078,186 (32 MILL DEDUCT = \$162,502)

1997-98 to 2002-03 (6 year period)

AVERAGE ENROLLMENT (K - 12)

426 STUDENTS

AVERAGE LOSS IN STUDENTS (K - 12)

21 STUDENTS PER YEAR

1996-97 ENROLLMENT (K – 12)

489 STUDENTS

2002-03 ENROLLMENT (K - 12)

- 364 STUI)ENTS

ACTUAL LOSS IN ENROLLMENT

125 STUDENTS

2002-03 VALUATION - \$5,906,933 (32 MILL DEDUCT = \$189,022)

2003-04 VALUATION - \$6,109,359

(32 MILL DEDUCT = \$195,499)

(36 MILL DEDUCT = \$219,937)

IF THE 36 MILL DEDUCT PASSES AS PROPOSED THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL SEE AN INCREASE IN THE MILL DEDUCT OF \$30,915 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WHEN THIS IS ADDED TO THE ANTICIPATED LOSS IN NET FOUNDATION PAYMENT FOR THE AVERAGE OF 21 LESS STUDENTS IN 2003-04 (APPROXIMATELY \$40,000) THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL FACE A LOSS IN REVENUES OF \$70,915 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.

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REFLECTING BACK TO THE 1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS IN MUCH BETTER CONDITION TO COPE WITH INCREASING THE MILL DEDUCT FROM 24 MILLS TO 32 MILLS DURING THE BIENNIUM. THE ENROLLMENT IN GRADES K - 12 WAS VERY STABLE WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT REACHING THE HIGHEST IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN FOUNDATION PAYMENTS FOR THE BIENNIUM WAS \$55,000 AND AFTER SUBTRACTING THE INCREASE OF \$40,000 IN THE MILL DEDUCT FOR THE BIENNIUM, THE HETTINGER DISTRICT NETTED \$15,000 IN NEW REVENUE.

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THE SITUATION TODAY IS MUCH DIFFERENT. THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN <u>NOT</u> AFFORD AN INCREASE IN THE MILL DEDUCY. THE LOSS OF \$70,915 WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASE OF 11 – 12 MILLS JUST TO BREAK EVEN. THIS WILL PUT A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON THE TAXPAYERS OF THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN 2002 THE VALUE OF ALL RURAL LANDS IN ADAMS COUNTY WERE INCREASED BY 8% WHILE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WERE DECREASED. IN 2003 RURAL LANDS WILL INCREASE ANOTHER 6%. THIS MEANS THAT THE FARMER/RANCHER WILL PICK UP A GREATER PORTION OF ANY TAX INCREASE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY CF SOUTHWESTERN NORTH DAKOTA AND THE END IS NO WHERE IN SIGHT. THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO FIND ALTERNATE SOURCES FOR SCHOOL FUNDING AND STRIVE TO LESSON THE DEPENDANCE ON PROPERTY TAXES.

CURRENT LAW MANDATES THAT THE HETTINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT TUITION 31 RESIDENT STUDENTS ACROSS THE BORDER TO THE LEMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A COST OF NEARLY \$200,000 PER YEAR. SINCE 1996-97 TUITION TO LEMMON HAS INCREASED 60% FOR ELEMENTARY AND 40% FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. IN 2001-02 THE HETTINGER DISTRICT PAID \$6,760 FOR EACH STUDENT IN GRADES 1-6 AND \$7,200 FOR EACH STUDENT IN GRADES 7-12. A 10 MILL H.S. TUITION LEVY HELPS COVER THE COST OF TUITION FOR GRADES 7 - 12 BUT THE TUITION FOR GRADES K -6 MUST COME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. THIS IS A HIGH COST ITEM THAT IS ADI)RESSED BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF DISTRICTS SUCH AS HETTINGER, HILLSBORO AND EAST FAIRVIEW. OPEN ENROLLMENT VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED TUITION AS A BUDGET ITEM IN NEARLY ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE.

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Jon Kringen, Superintendent Susan Schlecht, Business Manager Tim Michaelson, High School Principal Brian Midthun, K-8 Principal

March 11, 2003

The Honorable Phil Mueller **ND House of Representatives** 600 E Boulevard Ave Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Representative Mueller

I am writing to you today with concerns about SB 2154 and SB 2182. The funding levels in SB 2154 combined with the increase in the mill deduct in SB 2182 will result in an inadequate funding level for our school district and I assume K-12 education across the state.

The bill in current form would provide an increase of \$11,000 or 1/2 of 1 percent in state funding to our district. This \$11,000 will not even cover anticipated increases in costs for fuel oil for heating our buildings and diesel fuel for running our buses. (Anticipated increase of\$12,500 for 2003-04).

School Boards are charged with the responsibility of providing quality education, which means having money for competitive teacher salaries, textbooks, supplies, materials, etc. In addition, schools must also provide competitive salaries for administrators, non-certified staff and maintain our buildings and grounds.

The only way the Enderlin School District will be able to adequately fund our school will be a combination of increased local taxes, reducing our expenditures, and use of our reserve fund. I am strongly suggesting that the Education Committee examine the funding level and increase the foundation aid level.

Please call me at 701-437-2240 or contact via email at Jon.L.Kringen@sendit.nodak.edu if you have any questions.

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Enderlin Public Schools

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ND House Education Committee State Capitol Bismarck, ND 58505

My name is Wayne Lingen. Currently I serve as the superintendent of the Bisbee-Egeland School District and the Cando School District. I would urge you to keep the mill deduct the same and oppose SB 2182.

I know that you are worried about the land rich districts and the law suit. In order to have equity shouldn't all forms of income be included in the determination of what is equitable or not? If the so called land rich districts have to share their wealth with the rest of the districts than we should include all the forms of revenue.

No one is going to want land without a good number of students because the mill deduct will really hurt them.

Thank you for hearing me on this issue.

Sincerely

Wayne Lingen, Supt.

Bisbee-Egeland and Cando Schools

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