

Mandan Public School District

District Offices

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
To: North Dakota House Education Committee
From: Jeff Fastnacht, Asst. Superintendent
Re: Support for SB 2028

Good Morning Chairman Owens and members of the committee. I am Jeff Fastnacht, Asst. Superintendent at Mandan Public School. Today, I am speaking to you as the President of the ND Council of Education Leaders and as an aspiring Doctoral student at the University of Mary.

During the interim I was asked by Senate Education Chairman, Senator Schaible, to organize a group of stakeholders to review chapter 15.1 for the sake of a general cleanup. This request married well with my course requirements for my doctoral work with the University of Mary, so I took on the challenge.

A group consisting of NDASA, NDASB, NDAESP, NDASSP, and NDDPI reviewed and provided input on a long list of possible revisions to this section. These revisions were then reviewed and narrowed. It was our intentions, as a group, to provide a list of revisions of antiquated or outdated statutes that did not impact present policy or the direction for education in our state. On January 7, 2020 I was provided the opportunity to present these findings to the Interim Committee and are the foundation of the bill you have before you today. It is my hope that you find our work beneficial.

Thank you for your time and I would stand for any questions from the committee.

