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**Testimony on HB 1075
Senate Education Committee
February 10, 2021**

Chairman Schaible and members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Nick Archuleta, President of North Dakota United. On behalf of our 11,500 members, I am here today to urge a DO PASS recommendation on HB 1075, in its current form.

HB 1075, as amended by the House Education Committee and passed by the House, respects the principle of local control by repealing section 15.1-06-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to school district calendar limitations. In so doing, local school districts will have the ability to use days previously held in abeyance as they see fit.

The passage of HB 1075 will not preclude NDCEL, ND United, the ND School Boards Association, or any other educational organization from hosting a professional development conference. Nor will HB 1075, as passed by the House, prevent local school districts from engaging in their own professional development or that of any professional development provider. It will simply return the decision-making authority for those two days in October back to the school district to schedule as they would any other school day.

With that, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, I will conclude my testimony and urge a DO PASS recommendation on HB 1075, as it appears before you today.

I am happy to stand for any questions you may have.