

Mandan Public School District

District Offices

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2020
To: North Dakota Senate Education Committee
From: Jeff Fastnacht, Asst. Superintendent
Re: Support for SB 2028

Good Morning Chairman Schaible and members of the committee. I am Jeff Fastnacht, Asst. Superintendent at Mandan Public School. Today, I am speaking to you more 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 Chairman 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 possible revisions were then reviewed and narrowed to those we felt were the least controversial to modify or delete. It was our intentions, as a group, to provide you a list of revisions that noted obvious revisions that did not impact present policy or direction for education in our state. These revisions as presented are what I feel are just antiquated parts of code.

On January 7, 2020 I was provided the opportunity to present these findings to the Interim Committee and are the foundation to the bill you have before you today.

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

