

**TESTIMONY ON HCR 3009
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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Chairman Schaible and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Upgren, Assistant Director in the Office of School Approval and Opportunity with the Department of Public Instruction. I am here on behalf of the department to speak in favor of House Concurrent Resolution 3009.

NDDPI believes that this is a good time for a study to take place regarding compulsory school attendance laws in North Dakota. There is value in studying whether our current compulsory school attendance laws are commensurate with current best practices, as well as comparing our laws with compulsory school attendance laws in other states. Therefore, NDDPI offers its full support to House Concurrent Resolution 3009.

Chairman Schaible and Members of the Committee that concludes my prepared testimony and I will stand for any questions that you may have.