

In Support of HB 1508 & In Support of HCR 3049

Hello, My husband and I are both NDSU graduates and our family moved back to Bismarck, North Dakota June 2019. At the time, our daughter attended 1st grade at Centennial Elementary and our son was in preschool. Due to the 2020/2021's distance learning requirements, we decided to homeschool to provide stability to our children. This year (2021/2022) we have again decided to homeschool our children due to the future boundary line change and overcapacity at Centennial elementary that has caused the school to decline students.

This coming school year (2022/2023), we are considering enrolling our children back into the Bismarck Public School system as it appears the two new elementary schools will help with the capacity issues and schools are back to full time in person attendance. However, we have our reservations about enrolling them in an environment where items like critical race theory are being taught. I believe it is the public school's responsibility to teach our students how to think, not what to think. I believe it is God who has entrusted each child to their set of parents and it is the parent's responsibility to teach their children about their faith, beliefs, viewpoints, and theories, not the public school. I am in support of recognizing parents as the chief stakeholders of the future and education of their children. I am in support of prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in the public schools.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God give each of you wisdom as you decide what courses of action to take regarding the future education of our children and our nation.