

HB 1532

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB 1532. I currently have 2 of my 3 children attending St. Joe's Catholic School in Devils Lake, ND. I originally chose to send my oldest son to the school because they were the only location offering all-day preschool. He is currently 9 and continues his education there. I love the small atmosphere, the one-on-one attention both of my children receive (my daughter is in 1st grade there currently) while attending St. Joe's. I am from a small town and a small school district, and I wanted that same feel for my children. Most of the kids all know each other, regardless of what grade they are in. My 3rd child will start at St. Joe's in the fall, also attending the all-day preschool. I feel comfortable dropping them off each morning, knowing that they are being cared for and loved, something that maybe isn't always on the forefront in a public-school setting, solely based on the number of students in attendance. We certainly could send our children to the public school and know they would still get a good education; however, we choose to pay for the quality, comfort, and confidence we receive in sending them to a private school instead. It would be greatly appreciated if this bill were to pass.

Sincerely,
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