

As a parent I support parent's right to choose where they send their children to school. However, as a public school employee and a parent of child in public schools I believe that we must keep public dollars in public schools so that teachers and students receive the resources they need. First, private schools are not required to admit all students, particularly students with special needs. Second, private schools are not required to be transparent with where these public dollars would be spent. Last, rural North Dakotans have no proximity to private schools and will only see a reduction in resources across the public education system which would lead to additional struggle in rural communities. For these reasons I do not support HB 1532, thank you for your time.