

I support HB 1532, because it would give our students and future leaders of ND greater opportunity to be provided with the best possible education for each child.

This bill would help our children by allowing parents more options for the education of their children. If the bill were to pass it would provide relief to families who previously may not have had the chance to send their children to non-public schools due to the extra financial obligation that comes with the choice of non-public education. The choice to send children to public or private school should not be solely decided on wealth of the parents.

As a parent myself, I should be able to enroll my children in an institution that I feel will suit my children's educational needs. Depending on the person, this choice may be to send the child to public or possibly private. I feel that if the financial disparity between the choices was less, then options for education increases.

As a taxpayer in ND, the I am not given the choice to pay taxes on whether some tax dollars will go to public education, a portion simply will, even if I were to choose to send my children to private schools.

HB 1532 will allow no more than 30% of the student's tuition to be covered from state reimbursement, which is only a portion of the fee to cover the cost of education provided by private institutions.