

With the recent changes in the Blaine amendment, and the strong leadership that the state of North Dakota has proven. I'm in great support house bill 1532. Graduated from a public institution, and I'm very proud of my Minot High roots. What I see is an opportunity for the state North Dakota to move forward in supporting private education, not only because the legal premise has been satisfied, but I think our state has done a great job of showing the partnership between public and private for years. Our state bank is an example to the country and to the rest of the world. How our tight-knit community in North Dakota can collaborate, in the most responsible fashion, not affecting the public institutions, but also working in partnership to raise all standards and efficiencies. Also, working with Minot State University on housing solutions, I have seen great examples of PPP partnerships on the Universities of NDSU and UND, in housing where the state institution cannot get it done, the PPP, private, public, partnership has made huge stride in housing on our state universities. This type of collaboration is important for us as a State to do what's right. I see firsthand, how nimble and effective a small, private school can be during the large pandemic. We were able to be entrepreneurial, and effective in so many ways, and this is a huge advantage to our children in North Dakota. Isn't that the primary focus of education? Let's support this initiative and our students in North Dakota. In the State of North Dakota, we can do this. My wife and I have been blessed with 6 children, some have graduated and currently attend, Bishop Ryan Catholic schools, and I have seen the power, and the impact of some of the things that state institution cannot do, but a private institution can do very effectively. It is in this ability to be entrepreneurial, flexible, and still provide a great education for our kids, that this main reason why this bill makes sense to the state North Dakota. Thank you.