

As a public school teacher and a mom of three children that attend a private institution, I would like to give my opinion on HB 1532. As a teacher in the public school system, I know it provides opportunities for many to receive an excellent education. However, there are a variety of ways to receive a quality education, and to some, the public school system might not be the best choice.

As a parent, I felt that Bishop Ryan, a private Catholic school in Minot, was the right fit for our family. I am fortunate to have this choice. At my children's school, those Christian values they teach them, I feel, will equip them to be productive, virtuous members of society. The curriculum they have implemented will help give my children the academic rigor and success they will need as they head out into the world and enroll into a secondary institution or the workforce. The small class sizes and k-12 enrollment make us feel we are part of a family and encourage and support each other in our endeavors at this school. Since we feel this is the right fit for our family, we have made the financial sacrifice to send our kids to this private school in the hopes it will have a great impact on our children's upbringing and future.

To see this bill passed would be such a relief for us and many families that have made the same decision to send their children to a private school feeling this is the best choice for their child(ren) and as a family.

Sincerely,

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