

House Bill 1532

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In support

My name is David Neff, and I, along with my two siblings, received my K-12 education from North Dakota private schools. I cherish the education that I received from the private school system both for the values that it taught me as well as for the excellent education that I received. I was prepared well to then move on and further my education at two public North Dakota universities.

I believe families should have the choice in identifying the best fit for their child's academic needs without cost being a barrier. Private schooling, however, can be cost prohibitive for many families, and the economic sacrifice required is not possible for every family who is desirous of sending their children to private schools in North Dakota. I am extremely grateful for the financial sacrifice that my parents made to send me to private schools. I believe that their existence and accessibility benefit all North Dakotans, something to which I can personally attest.

North Dakota public and private schools both have strong academic outcomes; however, a student may succeed better in one environment versus the other. Not every community or state has private school options, but I am grateful that North Dakota does, and excellent options at that. It is in the best interest of the academic outcomes of students and for the general community that private schools continue to prosper hand-in-hand with public schools in North Dakota.

Thank you,

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