

North Dakota Legislative Council

State Capitol

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Senate Education Committee Members,

I am writing to provide my testimony in support of HB 1532 for non-public school education in North Dakota. My name is Lu Jin and I am a resident of Grand Forks.

As a parent, I strongly support the bill because non-public schools offer specialized and individualized education, smaller class sizes, and a curriculum tailored to meet the specific needs of students. I enrolled my child in St. Michael's Catholic school as he grows up in a bilingual family so he needed more help from teachers on English at the beginning of his kindergarten. Although he had some difficulties understanding instructions initially, the teachers helped him thrive in school by teaching him patiently. He can switch between two languages effortlessly now, and his cognitive flexibility is evident in his ability to focus on one thing and change his response quickly. I'm so impressed with the progress he has made in St. Michael's since he was enrolled there.

I strongly believe that supporting non-public schools can benefit a lot of students and will ultimately improve the quality of education in the state. Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1532.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for your time on HB 1532.

Sincerely,

Lu Jin