



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the ND Senate Appropriations Committee,

My name is DeAnn Scheeler. I am a 1999 graduate and I currently work as Director of Mission Advancement at Trinity Catholic Schools. As residents of District 37, my husband Jared and I have chosen to enroll our four children at Trinity Catholic Schools because we believe in the mission of Educating the whole student – mind, body, and soul, noting that Catholic education is a priority for our family.

I support HB 1532 because it supports families like ours who choose non-public schools for our children. Our oldest child attended public schools for a short time, and while our public education is very good in this area, this Catholic school is a better fit for our family. An educational reimbursement, considering that we pay ND taxes that support public education in North Dakota, only helps the state offer high-quality education because non-public schools have a positive impact on the economy and on creating a diverse population.

Our public schools are strong and capable, but the element of faith in the classroom is a non-negotiable for our family. **Please pass this bill** to help families like ours be able to practice our religious freedoms with some tax relief, since our children do not partake in the public education offered by the state of ND.

Sincerely,



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