

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to vote no on HB 1532. Taking public money and spending it on private school is not good for our state. I am a teacher in a public school. My children go, or will go when old enough, to a public school. I believe in our public school systems. My fellow teachers are some of the best people I know, and they put so much into their students and classrooms. Diverting the much needed public funds to run a public school to go to a private school is beyond frustrating.

Taking away funds limits the staff (paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, cooks, coaches, and teachers) a public school can hire. Limits the technology, resources, building updates, and so many other things a school needs.

I understand that parents who choose to send their child to a private school feel that financial burden. However, that is their choice, not mine. The states tax money should not go to a private school, especially since most private schools are religious based schools. Private schools also dont have to follow as many regulations as public schools do. If private schools are given state tax money, will they be required to fulfill all the requirements that a public school follows? Will private schools be expected to follow every rule set forth by the state legislature if this bill passes?

I am frustrated to see this bill and I fear what will happen to public schools if money is taken away and given to private schools. Please vote no on HB 1532.

Thank you for your time,  
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