

Date: March 27, 2023

To: Senate Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment Division

Re: Support of ND HB 1532

My name is Theresa Boltz, I live in District #61, and I support HB 1532 because parent choice in education is critical to ensuring their children are educated in an environment that they know is best for them to thrive and grow.

As a parent to young children, I have seen firsthand how their surroundings make a lasting impact upon them. Having exposure to St. Michael's Catholic School in Grand Forks where they support each child as a whole and foster the many virtues, I feel privileged that this school is in the Grand Forks community. I believe that this school setting, and others like it should be a possibility for more families, and it can be a possibility for more families with the passing of HB 1532.

Many families are burdened with the ever-increasing cost of raising a child and it is unfortunate to think that so many aren't able to consider a private school due to the cost. I believe that parent choice for their children's school provides those that know their child the best the ability to make the best decision for their education. The best decision cannot be made if not all options are truly available to the parents.

By providing an education reimbursement through HB 1532, more families can seriously consider private schools such as St. Michael's, which were previously financially unattainable. 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 ND HB  
1532.