1     HB 1132

2     Testimony in Support – House Education committee

3     Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee. I am here

4     representing the North Dakota Council Leaders supporting all the school administrators

5     and school leaders in K12 across the state. I come to you with support of this version of

6     1132.

7     The need to support our students to the end of a school year if they are unable to end

8     their physical presence in our building happens in our schools, and often it is in the best

9     interest of the student to allow the student to continue their education with their district

10     of residence through the end of that school year before they officially transfer our of our

11     school systems or return to our schools.

12     The instances of this sometimes occur within our schools for some of the following

13     reasons. The first I will mention is the initial reason for the bill – military students

14     transferring during the school year. Another viable reason is regarding students who

15     have a health concern or a health issue during the school year making it difficult or

16     impossible for them to physically attend the school. And another is our migrant students

17     who enter our districts in the fall, end up having to leave for the back half of the school

18     year (often not enrolling in another school out of state) and then come back to us again

19     for the next migrant season through the summer and fall. In all these instances, the

20     ability to smoothly continue their education with their teachers, their content, and their

21     classes makes the most sense for these students and this would be a wonderful show of

22     support to them and their families. This bill does limit this ability to military students,

1    students moving out of state, and students with medical reasons for the need to shift to

2    virtual instruction.  The school leaders I represent have indicated that this amendment

3    would greatly help many students.


4    I ask that you please consider support of this bill.