

VOTE NO – HB 1532

I am writing to encourage you to vote NO on HB 1532 as it takes public dollars away from public schools.

It is inappropriate to give public dollars to private schools where there are no accountability measures regarding how those dollars are spent as well as nothing to prohibit the private schools from increasing tuition while also receiving state funds. Additionally, there is not an equal benefit to all North Dakotans. Many in our population are rural and do not have the option or ability to attend the private schools as they are in the larger cities. Our rural constituents will then be subsidizing students and families in other locations which is not how our public dollars are meant to be utilized for education. Equal access is important especially for students with special needs. Private schools have the option to turn away students they deem too difficult to serve including students with disabilities while public schools are required to provide educational services.

While I do support a parent's right to choose the educational experience for their child, I DO NOT believe public dollars should support schools that are not required to follow the same regulations or requirements of public schools.

Please VOTE NO on HB 1532.

Respectfully submitted,

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