

In Support of ND HB 1532

Members of the Education Committee,

My name is Megan Petersen and live in District 18. I'm writing today to ask for your support in passing ND HB 1532. This measure helps families, like mine, have greater autonomy in our children's education. We enroll our children at St. Michael's Catholic School in Grand Forks. We love our private school and selected it for its excellent educational program.

Our current school district keeps threatening to close our local schools and ship us across town, wastes money on administrator salaries without transparency in its spending and offers sub-par buildings and resources. If our tax dollars were going toward paying teachers more, providing what classroom resources teachers need and reducing class sizes, we'd see it as money well spent, but that's not where our money goes.

We chose to have our kids attend a private school and are blessed to be able to afford it. However, ND HB 1532 would allow our family to relax in our budgeting. We choose to live in a very small space and not have frivolous spending (eating out, purchasing non-necessities, etc.) so that we can make a private school tuition work in our budget. If we were able to be refunded some of our tuition, we could use some of that money to support our local economy.

Thank you for your time. I hope I can count on your support for ND HB 1532!