

Members of the ND Senate and Education Committee,

I very strongly ask for your support on HB 1532. As the father of 7 school aged children, I am extremely passionate about this bill, not for myself alone, but for the ability that it EMPOWERS PARENTS to become more involved in their child's education. Right now the wealthy have the most accessibility for non-public education. Others of us make huge sacrifices. This is not about "compensating rich parents". For one, I'm not one of the rich parents. However, even if there was a cap on who could receive these funds and I wasn't eligible, I would be equally as passionate about the bill because I want every parent to be empowered to do more for their children. This bill doesn't give them "free education", which I think is good. **When people spend money, they start to care more.**

Let's give those who aren't fortunate enough the opportunity for a better education and at the same time give the public schools a model of how schools can do so much more with so much less.

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