

March 11, 2023

Senate Education Committee
Room 216, State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58554

RE: Endorsement of HB 1532

Dear Senate Education Committee:

My name is Amanda Dukart, and I am a community member who resides in your district. I support House Bill 1532, which would reimburse parents for some of the costs of educating their children at nonpublic schools. Three of our children currently attend a private school, so this would majorly affect our family directly.

The first reason we support this bill is because we would experience first-hand the benefits of our tax dollars toward education.

The second reason is because we currently make many financial sacrifices so that our children can attend a private school. We find that the sacrifice is worth the benefits, but if the bill were passed, we would also be able to save more money to help pay for our children's higher education in later years.

The third reason we support HB 1532 is because we are paying tax dollars toward education, but we also reserve the right to choose a private institution that provides a religious and Montessori education.

We have seen the benefits of this approach to education in the lives of our children, forming in them independence and a love of their faith. They love their school and the freedom it provides for them to choose how they learn. I also attended the same institution as a child, so the school feels like home to us. Because my husband and I both have to work to make ends meet, we are grateful for a school that teaches the same exact values as what we teach our children in our home, and we get a say and are very involved in that process.

Please vote 'yes' on HB 1532. There are numerous great families and schools that will benefit from government assistance with private education, and a financial burden will be lifted in each of their households.

Sincerely,

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