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To whom it may concern:

My name is Jeannie Jagow. I am the adopted grandparent of my granddaughter, Alexa who is a student at St. Michael's catholic school in Grand Forks. I urge you to approve the bill 1532 for allocating funds related to School of Choice.

As a mother of three children who attended public school, I can firmly say there is a significant difference in both the value of education, involvement of teachers and safe growing environment at St Michaels opposed to the public school system. My daughter suffered severe bullying growing up from her peers. It was well known to the staff, but nonetheless little intervention occurred. Due to this level of bullying, my daughter had anxiety and depression which further harmed her future as her education suffered. Years later, unable to cope with the demands of motherhood, Alexa, my granddaughter, had to be taken away for her well-being.

Alexa attends St. Michaels is doing very well socially and in her studies. Teachers spend energy creating interesting lesson plans which challenge the students and children are in a safe environment where they can learn and grow.

My hope is that you hear the voices of Grand Forks parents and allow for taxpayer funds to be allocated to Schools like St. Michaels who are blueprints for the Grand Forks school systems as a whole.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Jagow