

To the Senate Education Committee:

I am asking you to vote in favor of HB 1532. As many of you know, as a parent, you strive to do what you feel is best for your child(ren). Currently, we have three children that attend a private school. We have made the financial sacrifice to send our kids here believing it is the best fit for our family. The school our children attend is small, k-12. We love the small class sizes, and personally know a lot of the staff and families that are there. In that way, you're almost like family, supporting one another, and we love that atmosphere. The faith-based education my children receive is very important and is ultimately why we choose to send our children there over a public school. I feel the values that are promoted and the education they receive will make them productive, virtuous members of society. Being a public school teacher myself, I would never put down the public school system and know you can receive a great education and many opportunities. However, a great education can be received in a variety of ways, and it is important that parents are given a choice of what they feel is best for their family. If you do feel a private school is the best route, why be penalized for making that choice and cast a no vote? Why shouldn't we be able to have some of our tax dollars reimbursed to us that we have paid? To see HB 1532 passed would greatly help our family's budget and help in our children's future educational plans. Please vote yes.

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