

Tax dollars need to go to public schools, in which I was a high school English teacher in North Dakota for 32 years. Public schools face enormous pressure to do the best they can with the monies they have, to reduce their revenue even more by allowing money to go to private schools is a travesty of justice and a return to the historical narrative when the upper aristocratic classes could pay for private tutors to educate their children, leaving the rest of the citizens either uneducated or relegated to lower levels of educational opportunity. This reimbursement proposal flies in the face of public education and the need for all students, no matter their income, to be educated. It is up to you, the ND legislature, to guarantee everyone has the same opportunity. This voucher program will allow those with money to send their children to the elite schools, leaving much of rural ND to figure out how to do more with less.