

I'm a retired teacher from Wahpeton (1973-2014) and now a substitute teacher (Sept 2014-now) , a grandparent (5 grandsons in Wahpeton) , and a Wahpeton school board member in my 2nd term. I've dedicated my career to helping kids in the Wahpeton Public Schools.

I oppose HB 1532 mainly because tax dollars are needed for educating public education students. Granted there are many fine private schools in North Dakota; but if a parent chooses to send their child there, that's fine however they need to pay for it and not receive a voucher for it.

In my 9 years of subbing , I've subbed in an elementary room where there are several special-needs autistic children in there. If we were to lose \$3000 per student that goes to the private school in Wahpeton , I could easily see staffing cuts in the public school's special needs rooms like the one in our elementary school and other classrooms around the state.