

Members of the Education Committee:

Hello, my name is Melodie Zach. I live in District #1, and I am a parent who has chosen to enroll my child in Trinity Catholic Schools.

I support ND 1532 as I feel parents, like myself, who wish to send their children to a private school should have the same government's financial assistance as public schools. We have six children and have sent them all to Trinity Catholic Schools. Our decision to send our children to private school has been such a blessing. We love the school, staff, and Christian based environment. We believe sending them to Trinity has assisted to the direction our children have taken later in life. The hardship of tuition was a challenge for us; however, we were able to afford it unlike many other families who were unable to. Having this reimbursement for education expenses would have helped greatly!

We are on our last child going through Private School System but would like to help other families coming up to be able to send their child/children to a private school without the burden of tuition costs. I have had several friends that believe sending their children to private school was too expensive or already had them enrolled and had to switch to public school because they could not afford the expense.

Please, I strongly asked that you support in favor of ND 1532.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for your time on ND 1532.

Respectfully,

Melodie Zach