

To Whom it may concern,

As President of the West Fargo Education Association, I urge you to pass HB 1516. As the current President of our union, I can state that there is a widening gap between educators/teachers, district administration, and school boards. I am currently writing this while I am sitting at our school board meeting. While I do have a “seat” so to speak at the school board meetings, as President I am delegated to back of the room in a non-speaking position unless called upon which is almost never. As I have done this for almost two years, I often notice that the information shared between district leaders and school boards don’t always paint the true picture of what teachers are dealing with on a daily basis. I believe that by passing this bill it would help create greater transparency and in turn help with teacher retention and improve the climate and wellness of a school district.

Please consider passing HB 1516

Thanks

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