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To Whom It May Concern,

I am in support of House Bill 1532. Passing of this bill would allow me to continue to send my children to private schools. Here are 3 reasons why I think this bill should pass:

- 1. We live in an area of Fargo that is within the West Fargo public school system. Both cities have great public schools, but my neighborhood keeps getting re-zoned to a new elementary school almost every year. Therefore, I have chosen to send my children to private school for stability.
- 2. Another reason we choose to send our children to private school is so that they can benefit from faith education. Developing their faith is very important to us. And by doing so during school hours, we don't have to send out kids to faith formation education during the evenings or weekends.
- 3. It is a choice for us to send our children to private school, but the North Dakota state treasury should grant money to K-12 education regardless of the school the family chooses to attend.

I urge you to please support the passing of House Bill 1532.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

Melissa McCulley Optometrist, Mother, Advocate