

January 31, 2023

RE: HB1532

Dear Legislators,

I fully support HB1532. Public school is not for everyone. Each child is different and learns in different ways and in different scenarios. Public school does not properly provide solutions for the students that might really need it. And there are also many parents who see the public school system, even in ND, going the wrong direction. Parents are not allowed and even shunned to “come between” the teacher or administration and the student. It is a tragedy. Tenured teachers in the public school system have very little, if any, incentive to do what is necessary to make the students better. Woke teachers and administrations around the state are allowing more and more of the leftist social agenda to take hold, all while God is taken out of the lives of these young minds. What our youth need is more God, not less. And private education is one way to keep God in their lives while getting a quality education.

In addition to the decay of the public school system morals and values, you add in what the public system did to kids during the covid pandemic. Kids could not go to school, and when they could it was in masks, or virtually? What did that do to their education experience? Every kid in public school, essentially, lost a year of education...the test results proved that. That same result did not happen in private schools in ND. Why, because they went to school, in person, without something covering one thing that kids need, a person's face.

Those that choose to send their kids to private schools care about their children's education, the success of their children and they appreciate the good that comes from a private education. All of these parents are already paying exorbitant taxes to a failing public school system that their kids are not even a part of. There should absolutely be funds allocated to follow the children to private education. It will help families that care enough about their kids to get them out of public education, it will help create a system where public education has to compete with private for the funding they want. It will help raise up the quality of a failing public education system as the public system will have to be better to keep the kids in their system. This program offered in HB1532, although, should be expanded to include a tax break, or a complete tax-reallocation to private schooling, is a good start to getting kids the best education for each of them.

Please consider passing this bill through committee and through both sides of the ND Legislature.

Thank you,

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