

I strongly support HB 1532, establishing education vouchers for North Dakota families.

This bill does nothing to defund public schools, and makes it possible for lower income North Dakota families to attend schools that might serve their children better.

Every child is different, and not every child is cut out for public schools. Some children flourish in public schools, some in private schools, some in charter or magnet schools, and some by home schooling. Even public schools are different, and a child may do better in one public school than another.

This allows all children to flourish, regardless of their family's income and zip code. Giving children, especially those from lower income families, access to school choice is the best thing we can do to make steps towards educational equity. Our priorities need to be children and families, not educational special interest groups.

I urge you: Do what's best for children, do what's best for families, and pass HB 1532 to help middle and lower income families access the schools that will allow them to flourish.

Thank you,
Jeffrey McGee
Resident of District 42
Grand Forks, ND