

Dear Senate Appropriations, My name Jessica Schumacher and I reside in District 17. I'm not sure if you all have children or not however I do. I have 2 that currently attend a non-public/private school in Grand Forks. I have a 3rd that will attend once she's old enough. I support HB1532 because it would support my decision to choose where, what, and how my children learn. This is the best choice for our family. Maybe in a few years I'll have a different opinion however, the option for me to let my children explore their beliefs, say a prayer without consequence or "odd" looks, sing songs that could potentially be omitted, and attend church on a weekly basis are extremely important to our family. We make a financial sacrifice by sending our child to a non-public school and continue to pay taxes to support the public schools. I in no way would expect full reimbursement for my personal choice. The tax reimbursement will help my family in a small way and support parents in the state of North Dakota. I urge you to vote IN FAVOR of HB 1532.