

Dear Senate Appropriations - Education & Environment Division and Senate Appropriations:

My name is Jennifer Baker, I live in District 5, and I am a parent who has chosen to enroll my child in Bishop Ryan Catholic School.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB 1532. Catholic education is very important to our family. Our son is in preschool at Bishop Ryan Catholic School this year. Bishop Ryan has become like a family to us. The students there are cared about and matter. Plus, our child gets exposed to, and is surrounded by, our Catholic faith and morals. It warms our hearts, when in the evenings at home, our child talks about Jesus or other aspects of the Catholic faith that our child had learned about at school.

Catholic education is expensive. Our wish is to continue to send our child to Bishop Ryan. However, other financial obligations may prohibit us, in the future, from sending him to Bishop Ryan. HB 1532 would assist families, like ours, in deciding the best schools for our children without having financial constraints.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1532.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for your time on ND 1532.