

## HB 1532

My name is Kari Hill. I grew up on a farm by Calvin, ND. I currently teach in Rugby, ND, and live on a farm by Willow City. This is my twenty-sixth year of teaching, and I have taught in public schools my entire career. **I'm writing to you in opposition to bill HB 1532.** Public Schools need to receive appropriate funding to meet the needs of their students. Public schools accept all students into our buildings, and we are required to meet the needs of each student. Many of these students need additional support and services to succeed in and out of the classroom.

I understand if families want to send their son/daughter to a private school and that is their right. However, most communities around North Dakota do not have a private school in their district and funding should not be taken away from their community's public school. I will leave you with two points.

1. Public schools are continually trying to improve their services and meet all our students' needs. If the state takes away funding from the public schools, this will affect the education of the students in our districts. Especially many of the rural districts across the state.
2. If private schools receive state funding, they should be required to follow the same rules as public schools. For example, private schools do not have to accept any student, and the students that need the most services (higher cost per pupil) will be the responsibility of the public school system.

Thank you for your time,

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