

January 2, 2023
Senate Education Committee
RE: SB1532

These are points that need to be considered when you are looking at passing this bill. We are already in a teacher shortage, and I guarantee this will only make it worse. I have loved education since I was a little girl, and I knew I was going to become an educator. My love of teaching is still strong, but I can tell you with the way education is changing and the more it becomes a thankless job I don't know if I will end my career in Education.

- Public Schools must accept all students.
 - o If they live in the school district, we are required to educate them even if that means in another institution.
 - o This can cost schools up to \$60,000.00 for extreme cases and we only receive \$10,000 per student.
 - o Districts have extra costs associated with high needs, such as paying for specialists, paying for mileage or providing transportation for a student who needs to see a specialist.
 - o Private schools do not need a reason to turn down a student.
- Light of Christ Schools (St. Mary's) will receive 2 million dollars, that is more money than 68 other districts in the state.
- In the end, this is about equality. If private schools receive tax money and are not required to be held accountable, then that should correlate to public schools.
- Finally, we are told that this isn't coming from the "education bucket"; I'm not sure I believe that because if it isn't this time, it won't take too many years before it does.

Sincerely,
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