

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the Education Committee.

My name is DeAnn Scheeler. I am a 1999 graduate of Trinity Catholic Schools, and a parent who has chosen to enroll my four children in Trinity Catholic Schools. I am also the Director of Mission Advancement at Trinity Catholic Schools.

I support HB 1532 because this bill supports families who choose non-public schools for their children. As an active Catholic, it is important to my husband and me that our children receive religious education, and the school we have chosen does a great job of developing the whole person – mind, body, and soul. Our oldest child attended public schools for a short time, and we found that this Catholic school is a more adequate fit for our family, and would appreciate the educational reimbursement as we pay ND taxes which support education in North Dakota.

The public schools in our town are strong and capable, but the element of faith in the classroom is one that is a non-negotiable for our family. Please pass this bill to help families like ours be able to practice our religious freedoms with some tax relief, since our children do not partake in the public education offered by the state of ND.

Sincerely,

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