

Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Rachel Meyer and I live in District 37. I am a parent of four children and currently have two children attending Trinity Elementary West. My passion for this school system began when I had the privilege to student-teach with Joleen Praus. She opened my eyes to a beautiful way to teach children about our faith and incorporate Christ into our classrooms.

After we had children, I insisted that they attended Trinity Catholic Schools. This has helped us attend daily mass, volunteer on a regular basis, and give more financially. Also, another aspect of trinity I really admire is the **public speaking skill. At the young age of five years old, Lillia Meyer had read petitions in front of a filled church.** This is an impressive feat!

As my passion has continued for trinity, so has the **PRICE!** I provide childcare for our younger children during the day and work weekends/summers at a local restaurant to pay for our private education. If this bill was passed, it would give us the same financial freedom that most public-school parents would have. I urge you to vote in favor of ND 1532 to help us ease the financial burden of private schools. Thank you for your service to the State of North Dakota for your time on ND 1532.