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February 3, 2022

To: [Senate Committee On Education](#)
Chair Sen. Dembrow, Vice-Chair Sen. Thomsen, and members of the Committee

Re: [SB 1521](#) – School Board Superintendent terminations – **SUPPORT**

This bill addresses authorizing district school boards to terminate superintendents without cause only if certain conditions are met. It prohibits district school boards from taking specified actions against superintendents when the superintendent is acting in compliance with state or federal law.

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School boards are elected to be respectful of the law, as well as the health, safety, and equal rights of their community. SB 1521 is a necessary law that will make this clear: Superintendents cannot be terminated by an elected school board without cause, when they are following state or federal law.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
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