

N.D.A.G. Letter to Melby (Oct. 9, 1989)

October 9, 1989

Honorable Arthur Melby
State Representative
District 14
1392 Elm Avenue
Harvey, ND 58341

Dear Representative Melby:

Thank you for your August 15, 1989, letter requesting my opinion as to whether the term "any part," as used in N.D.C.C. § 15-21.3-07, must be taken to include both the singular and the plural.

N.D.C.C. § 1-01-35 provides:

Words used in the singular number include the plural and words used in the plural number include the singular, except when a contrary intention plainly appears.

Because the Legislative Assembly has not evidenced a contrary intent, the term "any part," as used in N.D.C.C. § 15-21.3-07, must be taken to include both the singular and the plural.

In your letter, you also inquire whether any state law allows parents or guardians to remove their children from portions of the public school education program which the parents or guardians find objectionable. I am not aware of any statute or rule giving parents or guardians this right.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Spaeth

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