



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas

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Ms. Debby Harding, Registrar
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Ms. Harding:

By way of introduction, let me explain that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with almost 60,000 families on our mailing list, some of whom live in your district. Our mission is to serve the home school community and to protect the right of parents to teach their children at home.

I am writing in response to your communication with Mrs. W_____, a member of our association, regarding the withdrawal of her daughter K____ W_____. On December 3, 2010, Mrs. W_____ gave written notice via certified mail of the withdrawal of K____ W____; this letter was delivered to your office, and in your communication you acknowledged receipt of this letter.

On December 7 Mrs. W_____ received an email from your school, which she forwarded to our office. In this email you state that "in order to withdraw K____" Mrs. W_____ is required to come to the school and "complete a withdrawal form" and present a copy of her driver license. You also stated that K____ would be required to take the form to the attendance office, nurse, library, textbook clerk, and her AP for their signatures.

Ms. H_____, according to the commissioner of education, it is *not* necessary for parents/guardians to make an appearance at the school or complete school forms to disenroll their children if they have given written notice of withdrawal; neither is it required by law. Mrs. W_____ has given written notice of the withdrawal of her daughter and has complied with the law in the manner recommended by the TEA. I have enclosed the most recent letter from the Texas commissioner of education on this issue for your review. Please remove K____ W_____ from your rolls. Should you or the district fail to do so and/or pursue truancy charges of thwarting compulsory attendance against Mrs. W_____ or her daughter, you and/or the district will be exposed to legal liability. Should you wish to discuss this matter, I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

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cc: Mrs. D_ W_; Mr. Alton Frailey, Superintendent, Katy ISD; Ms. Christie Whitbeck, Principal, Seven Lakes High School; Mr. Robert Scott, Commissioner of Education; State Senator Joan Huffman; State Representative Hubert Vo; Ms. Terri Leo, State Board of Education; Texas home schoolers