



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas
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VIA EMAIL

January 25, 2012

Ms. Karen Clark
Registrar
1100 Bogart Drive
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Ms. Clark:

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, many 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 to Mr. J__ L___, a member of our association, dated January 19, 2012, in which you asked him to complete "The Letter of Acknowledgment of Home Schooling" presented to him at the time of his withdrawal of his daughter, M__ L___, on September 6, 2011. Mr. L___ gave written notice of the withdrawal of his daughter, as recommended by the Texas Education Agency. The notice was delivered to your office via certified mail.

Ms. Clark, according to the Texas commissioner of education, it is *not* necessary for a parent or guardian to complete school forms to disenroll his child if he has given written notice of withdrawal; neither is it required by law. Mr. L___ has given written notice of the withdrawal of his daughter and has indicated that he began homeschooling her on the date of said letter. I have enclosed a copy of the most recent letter from the Texas commissioner of education on this issue for your clarification.

Should you or the district pursue truancy or thwarting compulsory attendance charges against Mr. L___ and/or his daughter based on failure to complete this school form, the district will be exposed to legal liability, and we will pursue every legal remedy at our disposal, including action against you and/or the district.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

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Enclosure: Commissioner's Letter

cc: Mr. J__ L__; Dr. Robin Ryan, Superintendent, Grapevine Colleyville ISD; Ms. Toni Thalken, Colleyville Middle School Principal; State Senator Florence Shapiro; State Representative Jerry A. Madden; Mr. Thomas Ratliff, State Board of Education; Texas home schoolers