



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas
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Ms. Jennifer Richburg
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Ms. Richburg:

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 communication regarding Mr. and Mrs. T__ O__, members of our association. On January 31, 2012, the O__ family gave written notice via certified mail of the withdrawal of their daughter, J__ O__, which was delivered to your office and signed for on January 31, 2012. Ms. L__ O__ next received a message from you, Ms. Richburg, on February 3 stating that the family must fill out school forms before their daughter could officially be withdrawn from Snyder Primary School. Then again on February 7, Ms. L__ O__ received yet another phone call from your school demanding that she fill out required school forms before J__ could be removed from your rolls. During that phone call Ms. O__ asked that all requests be sent to her in writing, and the school agreed, although as of this date, she has not received any written communication from the school.

Following the phone call on February 7, the O__ received another phone call from Snyder Primary School asserting that paperwork must be filled out. Again, Ms. O__ requested that all communication be sent in writing. She was then informed that their family would be required to meet with the principal and sign a form releasing them to homeschool. Regardless of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. O__ have given verbal and written notice via certified mail to the school regarding the withdrawal of their daughter, your office has continued to call and harass them by attempting to place unlawful requirements on them in the form of additional paperwork, requests for further information, and efforts to compel them to appear at the school.

In accordance with the procedure recommended by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the O__ have diligently followed up by sending a letter of assurance and a copy of the commissioner of education's current communication regarding this matter.

Ms. Richburg, according to the Texas commissioner of education, it is not necessary for a parent or guardian to make an appearance at the school or complete school forms to disenroll their child if they have given written notice of withdrawal; neither is it required by law. Mr. and Mrs. O__ have

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given written notice of the withdrawal of their daughter and have cooperated with your requests in the manner recommended by the TEA. I have enclosed a copy of the most recent letter from the TEA on this issue for your review.

Please remove J__ O__ from your rolls immediately. Should you or the district fail to do so and/or pursue charges of truancy or thwarting compulsory attendance against Mr. or Mrs. O__ or their daughter, we will pursue every legal remedy at our disposal, including action against you and/or the district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Tim Lambert