



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

COMMISSIONER
Howard G. Baldwin, Jr.

November 26, 2012

Mr. Tim Lambert
Texas Home School Association
P. O. Box 6747
Lubbock, Texas 79493

Dear Mr. Lambert,

I recently submitted an internal announcement to our staff reminding them of the value of home schooling as an exception to the education policy for children and youth in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services, Child Protective Services. The information can be found in the CPS Handbook, Section 15231 – Requesting an Exception for Home Schooling. I have enclosed a copy of the memo for your files.

Regarding your question on CPS policy updates, we are currently updating and making minor changes to the policy handbook. There are no specific changes slated for the Investigations portion that focus on home school education. The announcement to CPS staff was clear that “reports of abuse and neglect for children and youth in home school environments must be assessed on the same criteria and intake guidelines as any other CPS report. The practice of home schooling is not a sole factor in investigating reports for child abuse or neglect.”

Thank you for your efforts to ensure the children and youth in substitute care meet their educational goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Hopkins Mohajer".

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Enclosure