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HOME SCHOOL
COALITION ASSOCIATION
Keeping Texas Families Free

November 3, 2014

Ms. Robin Buxbaum, Administrative Assistant
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Ms. Buxbaum:

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with more than 50,000 families on our mailing list. As the home school advocacy organization for the state of Texas, we act as a liaison with state and federal agencies in regard to issues related to home education. In fact, the state department of education, the Texas Education Agency, frequently refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our organization for verification or resolution.

I am writing in response to your communication with Mr. J__ G__, a member of our Association. On October 22, 2014, Mr. G__ gave written notice to your school of the withdrawal of his daughter, C__ G__, in order to home school. Mr. G__ received notification from your school acknowledging the receipt of the written notice of withdrawal on October 23, 2014, but was told that it was not sufficient and that he had to come in person to sign forms, return books, and meet with the Registrar. He was told that failure to comply would result in his daughter not being withdrawn. Mr. G__ responded to these requests from the district with a letter of assurance, as recommended by the TEA, which was sent via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested on October 23, 2014. Mr. G__ also returned C__'s textbooks and school uniform via Certified Mail on October 24, 2014.

Ms. Buxbaum, according to the Texas commissioner of education, it is not necessary for parents to make an appearance at the school or to complete school forms in order to disenroll a child if they have given written notice of withdrawal; neither does the law require it. Mr. and Mrs. G__ have given written notice of the withdrawal of their child and have cooperated with your requests in the manner recommended by the TEA. I have enclosed the most recent letter from the Texas commissioner of education regarding this matter for your review.

Please remove Mr. G__'s child from your rolls immediately. Should you fail to do so, or should the school district pursue any legal action against Mr. and Mrs. G__ or their child on the basis of the district's withdrawal procedures, we will take any and all legal actions necessary against you and/or the district to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert, President

cc: CHHS Principal Conrad Streeter, CHHS Registrar Glenda Cherry, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Superintendent Robin Ryan, State Representative Giovanni Capriglione, State Senator Wendy Davis, State Board of Education member Patricia Hardy, J__ & E__ G__, Texas home schoolers