



# Texas Home School Coalition

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*Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas*

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Mr. Anthony Mays, Principal  
Sam Tasby Middle School  
7001 Fair Oaks Avenue  
Dallas, Tx 75231

Dear Mr. Mays,

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with almost 60,000 families on our mailing list. As the 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 Texas Education Agency frequently refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our organization for verification or resolution.

Ms. S \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ is a member of our association and home schools her daughter, A \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ . The home school program in which she is enrolled, meets all the provisions required by the state of Texas. Ms. N \_\_\_\_ sent you a notice of withdrawal via certified mail on Nov. 11, 2013. After receiving a call stating that her daughter was continuing to be counted absent she sent another notice, along with a letter of assurance as outlined by the Texas Education Agency and a copy of the Commissioner of Education's letter regarding home schooling in Texas. This also was sent via certified mail. I have included a copy of that Commissioner's letter for your review.

Ms. N \_\_\_\_ is still receiving automated calls about her child being absent. When she contacted your office, she was told by the registrar that they have not withdrawn her child and would not do so until Mrs. N \_\_\_\_ makes an appearance at your school, completes the school forms and presents a state issued ID.

Mr. Mays, according to the 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. Ms. N \_\_\_\_ has given written notice of the withdrawal of her daughter and has cooperated with your requests in the manner recommended by the TEA. Please remove A \_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ from your rolls immediately. Should you or the district fail to do so and/or pursue truancy charges or thwarting compulsory attendance charges against the N \_\_\_\_ family, we will take any and all legal actions necessary against you and/or the district to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

Enclosure: Commissioner Michael Williams letter

cc: Ms. S \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_ ; Superintendent Mike Miles, Dallas ISD; Commissioner Michael Williams, Texas Education Agency; State Senator John Carona; State Representative Jason Villalba; Ms. Geraldine Miller, SBOE

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