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We have been working with PED, HSLDA, and others to try and resolve the conflict with the homeschool registration form. CNM students will be dis-enrolled from classes on Friday, August 17 because PED has not taken any action and has not made any decisions on what to do with our registration forms. Our attorney, TJ Schmidt from HSLDA, will be in town this week holding meetings and working to get action. What we need now is your help. We need all homeschoolers to come to Santa Fe and help us with a peaceful demonstration outside of PED at 11:00. The address for PED is 300 Don Gaspar Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501. This is just behind the Round House where we have CAPE at the Capitol. Bring your kids and bring signs that are positive about homeschooling. We want Signs that say "FREE TO HOMESCHOOL" or "HOMESCHOOLING WORKS" or "WE LOVE HOMESCHOOL." We want to keep the rally positive and remember that we are representing Christ. Please continue to be in prayer as things are rapidly changing.

Background:

If you are new to homeschooling in NM this might come as a shock. PED has demanded that NM homeschoolers sign assurances as a part of our registration process with the state. Demanding assurances is only legally allowed if PED has declared your homeschool truant. So, in a way, PED has declared all homeschoolers truant and are giving themselves the right to verify our homeschools through these assurances. NM law doesn't require us to keep records of our homeschool activities. The only verification available to PED beyond our registration form would be home visits. CAPE tried meeting with PED and we thought we had an agreement in February, but when the online notification came out in May, we felt that it was even more inflammatory. PED is trying to force NM homeschoolers to abide by public school law, which includes homeschooling your children for the same number of

hours in the day that public schools are in session. Education in NM is under attack because we are now last in the nation. Homeschooling is education that works and they are trying to change the laws which govern homeschooling in NM. Because of these issues, CAPE and HSLDA worked together to agree that we are meeting our legal requirements to notify the state by filling out the paper registration form and only completing page 3. Then send in the notification via USPS certified mail with a signed receipt required. The receipt is your legal record that you have followed the NM law. PED has so far refused to process any of our registrations and they have yet to notify families that they refuse. Students that require confirmation of registration for dual-enrollment classes have been put on notice that their children will be dis-enrolled on Friday if confirmation of enrollment has not happened.

CAPE-NM Calendar



October 19-21, 2018 Fall Family Retreat

Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 <u>TeenPact</u> <u>Leadership School</u>

February 7, 2019 CAPE at the Capitol

Graduation and convention dates for 2019 are changing. Stay tuned for details

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