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Conversation with PED



Representative Greg Schmedes contacted Secretary of Education Ruszkowski last week and discussed our concerns regarding the state homeschool registration form. Several things came out of that meeting.

1) PED is updating their database now that they will have accurate information to track your child to verify that they are "safe." Somehow they believe that receiving our registration form guarantees our children are safe. They did not elaborate any more on what further actions they want to take to verify the safety of our children. This is of great concern to us in light of some recent child abuse cases where the children were

thought to be "homeschooled."

2) PED is planning on trying to require us to fill out the form completely. Representative Schmedes made it clear that we have no intention of signing their form and Ruszkowski said he didn't want to go to court over this. What does this mean for us? We should all expect PED to go ahead and send each family a letter telling us to fill out the form completely. PLEASE DON'T!!!

If you are an HSLDA member, then:

- 1) Send the letter from PED to HSLDA
- 2) Send a copy of your notice form(s)
- 3) Send information on when you mailed your notice (copies of receipts)
- 4) List of what you included (i.e., PED Notice form/pg 3, statement of opposition to statements of understanding, etc.)

[HSLDA will send a letter on your behalf to PED](#) with another copy of your notice to document the paper trail. You can scan the documents (even if you just take a clear picture) and email them to newmexico@hsllda.org or send via fax at (540) 338-1952.

Families who are not HSLDA members:

- 1) Send letter from PED to CAPE-NM
- 2) Send a copy of your notice form(s)
- 3) Send information on when you mailed your notice, and
- 4) List of what you included (i.e., PED Notice form/pg 3, statement of opposition to statements of understanding, etc.)

CAPE-NM and HSLDA will work together to follow up with the PED on behalf of all of these families. HSLDA will likely send a letter to the PED resubmitting these notice forms as well (see above link for what HSLDA will likely send). Email these to capenm@cape-nm.org. If you do not get a reply within 24 hours, then please resend the email.

We need to keep the pressure on PED to make sure that they understand that we will not agree to their illegal requirements. We are diligent educators, we love our children, and we want to be left alone. We do not want the state to interfere with our homeschools in any way.

Getting Started Workshop - August 2, 7pm -9pm



CAPE is hosting a FREE Getting Started Workshop August 2 from 7-9pm at Grace

Baptist Chapel, 12201 Comanche Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. John and Cathy Heckendorn successfully homeschooled their 4 kids all the way through and they are happy to share their wealth of information with you. Come, ask questions and see what you need to do to get your homeschool started.

CAPE Back to School Picnic - August 4th



The 2nd Annual CAPE Back to School Picnic is on August 4th, 11am - 2pm at the park next to Hoffmantown Church in Albuquerque at the corner of Harper and Ventura. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship. CAPE will provide the hot dogs and burgers. Please bring a side dish to share. For more information and to RSVP, go

to www.cape-nm.org/back-to-school-picnic/

CAPE-NM Calendar



August 1, 2018 Registration Deadline with the state ([see the recent blog post](#))

August 4, 2018 [CAPE- NM Back to School Picnic](#)

October 19-21, 2018 [Fall Family Retreat](#)
Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 [TeenPact Leadership School](#)

February 7, 2019 [CAPE at the Capitol](#)

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

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