



Dear Friends,

CAPE appreciates all of you that have reached out to let us know about an email you received from the PED after notifying the state via USPS. We reached out to the PED Friday and heard back this weekend as to the reason for the emails.

The letter was meant to communicate to parents how they could go online to the PED's website and notify and was not meant to intimidate or force parents to use the online form. CAPE was able to share the concerns that we had about the wording of the email, and the PED realized that the wording needs to be changed and will work on that early this next week.

After talking with TJ Schmidt at HSLDA and the PED, CAPE wants to encourage any parents that receive this email to disregard it. If you have notified using the paper form, then you have complied with the requirements of the law. CAPE always encourages parents to keep a copy of their paper notification and send it certified mail so that you have proof of its receipt. Keep this proof with your Notification copy in your school files and enjoy the school year!

Relationships matter, and we have seen this over and over again the last couple of years. As CAPE has worked to build bridges with the PED, we have been blessed with a working relationship where we feel that we can share our grievances, and more often than not, the PED has been willing to see things from our point of view and make the necessary changes. We hope to continue building even stronger relationships as we move into the next legislative year.

We also value the relationships we have with each of you. We can reach out to the PED and HSLDA with issues facing New Mexico homeschool families because you take the time to reach out to us. While we want to encourage you to consider becoming a supporting CAPE [member](#) (\$35/year membership fee), we do not limit our efforts to only supporting CAPE members. CAPE is committed to fighting for the rights of all families in New Mexico to educate their children as they feel led. As one individual person, it is sometimes difficult to be heard, but as many voices coming together, we have a greater opportunity to make changes that benefit us all. Thank you for being a part of the fight for freedom in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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