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SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL (mhamel@crbl.net)

Michael Hamel
Superintendent
Carbon County School District 1
615 Rodeo Street
Rawlins, WY 82301

Re: Homeschool families, H.B. 46, and an annual letter of intent

Dear Superintendent Hamel:

By way of introduction, the Home School Legal Defense Association (“HSLDA”) was founded in 1983 to defend, advance, and promote homeschooling. As a public interest advocacy organization, HSLDA works to encourage local agencies and school districts to align their activities with the requirements of state homeschool laws, as well as federal anti-discrimination statutes, for the general benefit of homeschool families nationwide. We currently have almost 100,000 families who are members of our association across the nation. These families have chosen to stand with us in this work as we seek to advocate for homeschool freedom and related Constitutional rights. When necessary, we engage local counsel to provide legal representation for individual member families and homeschool graduates. Our associated local counsel in Wyoming is Mr. Philip Abromats of Greybull. This letter does not constitute legal advice to you, your agency, or any person. We encourage you to direct any questions you may have to an attorney who represents you or your school district.

I am in receipt of a letter titled “2025-2026 School Year” sent from your school district to homeschool families in your district. This letter states in bold in relevant part “**Homeschool families are still required to submit a letter of intent to homeschool to their local school district[.]**”

Not only is this incorrect, it is in clear violation of the text of H.B. 46, the legislative intent of H.B. 46 (as abundantly stated in House and Senate committees, and by the sponsors and legislative supporters on the House and Senate floors), and the clear language of Wyoming law.

Wyoming law (Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-101 and § 21-4-102), as amended by H.B. 46, makes it very clear that homeschool families no longer need to provide their curriculum to the local school district, and similarly gives local school districts no authority to require families to provide an annual letter of intent to the local school district. While Wyoming law is still very clear that “[i]t shall be the



responsibility of every person administering a home-based educational program to ensure a curriculum is administered to pupils in the program that complies with the requirements of this subsection[.]” (Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-102(b)), H.B. 46 did away with the requirement that homeschool families provide an annual letter of intent or their curriculum to the school district.¹

We trust that this information is helpful to your office. If you wish to discuss anything in this letter, I would be happy to talk with you. I can be reached via phone at (540) 338-5600, or via email at will.estrada@hsllda.org.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will", written in a cursive style.

William A. Estrada
Senior Counsel

cc: Mr. Philip Abromats, Esq., HSLDA Associated Local Counsel for Wyoming
Mrs. Brenna Lowry, President, Homeschool Wyoming
The Honorable Ocean Andrew, Wyoming Representative
The Honorable Tomi Strock, Wyoming Representative
The Honorable Evie Brennan, Wyoming Senator
HSLDA Member families in Wyoming

¹ We note that a family who withdraws a child from a Wyoming public school still has a duty to provide a one-time notice (either written or “otherwise”) to the local school district notifying the local school district that the child will be withdrawn to be educated at home. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-102(c).