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SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL (merickson@lcsd2.org)

Superintendent
Lincoln County School District # 2
222 East 4th Ave.
Afton, WY 83110

Re: Homeschool families, H.B. 46, and annual notification

Dear Superintendent:

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 understand that you recently sent letters to homeschool families in your district asking that they “complete a short online survey to inform the district of your intent to homeschool for the 2025-26 school year.”

Not only is there no requirement that homeschool families complete this online survey (or provide any other annual notification of intent to homeschool to the district), such a requirement would be in violation of the plain 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.



Wyoming law similarly gives local school districts no authority to require families to provide an annual letter of intent to the local school district, or be required to provide any information whatsoever to the local school district. While Wyoming law requires 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 or any other information to the school district.¹

This is so clear in Wyoming law that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder released guidance on June 16, 2025, reminding school districts that “... there is no legal requirement for a student who has never enrolled in a public school district to report to the district. ... I encourage school districts to be cognizant of the privacy of homeschool families and limit their communication...”²

We appreciate the cordial relationship that your district has had with homeschool families in your district, and write to you in this same spirit. 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.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



William A. Estrada
Senior Counsel

cc:

The Honorable Megan Degenfelder, Superintendent of Public Instruction
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).

² Available online at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/sups-memo/06-16-2026-message-from-state-superintendent-of-public-instruction-megan-degenfelder/>.