

Oppose SB 874

My name is Stacy LaPerriere and I oppose SB 874.

Section 17 requiring in person registration of homeschoolers places an unnecessary requirement on homeschoolers. Homeschooling has proven itself a safe and effective way of educating students. I have graduated 2 students who are both A students in college. The oldest was inducted into the National Honor Society last spring and she is being considered for 5 math and science awards.

Section 18 offering model curriculum for students is also unnecessary and can cause difficulty. These “model” curriculum suggestions are already available on the state website. Over time school districts may confuse suggestions with requirements. This would create difficulty for the homeschoolers. Homeschooling is very customized to the student and family. That is one of its many benefits. The many homeschool families that I know research the best schooling strategy through attending homeschool conventions, participating in support groups, utilizing the internet and/or the library.

Homeschooling does not need oversight and clearly Sections 17 and 18 should be removed from SB 874.

Thank you for your time and your service to our state.

Sincerely,
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