



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**COMMISSIONER**

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Tim Lambert  
Texas Home School Coalition  
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Dear Mr. Lambert:

This letter is to confirm our position on the subject of home schooling. Child Protective Services (CPS) does not consider home schooling as a risk factor in determining the safety of a child. There are no standardized forms or procedures related to home schooling used in the evaluation of child safety, and none are planned. In fact, home schooling can be a valuable mode of education for children.

I would be happy to discuss this issue with you, if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

  
Carey D. Cockerell

Cc: Senator Jane Nelson, Texas Senate  
Anne Heiligenstein, Health and Human Services Commission  
Joyce James, Child Protective Services