

Sample Letter

Dear [Representative or Senator name],

As a Pennsylvania home educator, I am greatly frustrated in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's updated "Home Education & Private Tutoring" website. It is laden with confusing, misleading and false information about the current home education law. Not only will new homeschoolers receive wrong information when consulting the website, but public school district personnel will also. This misinformation will be costly for our school districts, with added administration and suggested extra record keeping, never specified or intended in the law.

Pennsylvania home educators and Pennsylvania public school superintendents must follow the law, 24 P.S. Section 13-1327.1 (along with related laws). The Pennsylvania Department of Education has created their website with their own interpretation of the law and often statements that go beyond the text of the law. It is unacceptable for an agency to attempt to change legislation by posting information on a website.

The PDE should be more responsible for factual information. I have attached a thirteen page letter written by PHEA to Suzanne Tallman, PDE, outlining the discrepancies between what is stated on the website and what the law actually states and requesting that the PDE remove the offensive changes. Please have the PDE modify the website accordingly.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my concern.

Sincerely,

[your signature]