

Dear Madam,

Regarding the upcoming Omnibus Bill in the House Education Policy Committee proposed changes to require a proof on previous year testing and a copy of official test scores for homeschooling children, I strongly disagree.

I have been a homeschooling parent for 16 years and have appreciated the privacy afforded by the current legislation in Minnesota. This spring, four of my children will have graduated high school with homeschool, three will have completed college degrees. I have always abided by the rules of yearly standardized testing and the results have shown no surprises.

What would be the purpose of sharing these results? As the homeschooling parent, it has confirmed the areas of strengths and weakness and guided my teaching and curriculum decisions. I do not see how anyone other than the homeschooling parents would have a need to know how our students are performing. In this age of extreme privacy of data, especially medical and psychological data, I fail to see how this fits in with the philosophy with the privacy of our children.

Please keep our homeschooling interferences to a minimum and not add this unnecessary requirement.

Cordially,

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Homeschooling parent