



Home School Day at the Capitol Support Group Idea

When six families from our area went to HSDC, we organized to visit our delegates and senators together. Going as a group, we only needed 1-2 brave leaders to do the talking. After introducing ourselves, our message was simple: thanks for supporting OR please support homeschooling. It's a wonderful educational option!

We made cards in advance and then wrote personal messages on the inside left before the visits. Since truancy was an issue that year, we addressed that in our card.

→ The front cover of the card we left with each of our visited delegates. We collected electronic pictures to place on the cover – showing us as “normal” families ☺.

The inside of the card tells about our local support group including the size of it. We also included the names of each of the families who were in the visiting group. Since we knew that CHEWV was distributing the WV Homeschooling Study to all legislators that year, we also mentioned that brochure.

Our Morgantown area support group has over 90 families, and we are thankful for the homeschooling law as it currently stands. Current research verifies that the WV code ensures that students are taught well at home. The latest research on WV homeschoolers is available from Christian Home Educators of West Virginia. A copy has been provided to your office today.

We urge you to see truancy as it is - a separate issue entirely from home education - and something that results from what is done in the public system, not the homeschooling one. The answer to truancy is to intervene before it becomes a problem - in the one system that has access to those students before they falter.

Coming from Morgantown today: *the Jeff Brusoe family, the Don Werner family, the Heath Lemley family, the Aaron Cox family, Laura Powell (homeschool graduate), and the Stuart Welsh family*



Mothers Encouraging Christian Home Education

A Morgantown area homeschool support group providing monthly moms' meetings, a cooperative, test center, and more.

(Associated with CHEWV and represented by John Carey in Charleston.)



The note above was on the bottom back of our card. It allowed us to make reference to John Carey during our visit and to encourage our legislators to contact him with any concerns they might have.

Our “group visit” was a success. Those who had never been “brave” enough to make visits before felt comfortable doing it in a group. Plus we had something in our hands to leave with them. (It's also a good idea to leave business cards, including a mailing address, because they often want to follow up with their constituents.) We encourage you to initiate something like this with your own friends or support group.