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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Enclosed please find an overview of information relative to homeschooling. The Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/26-1) and case law permit a parent or legal guardian to educate his or her child at home if instruction is given in the English Language. As the parent or legal guardian, it will be your responsibility to provide your child with an organized educational program, using appropriate materials and teaching methods in order to satisfy statutory requirements.

If you choose to educate your child at home, we request that you complete the *Chicago Public Schools Statement of Assurance* and provide a letter which describes the manner in which you will be instructing your child at home. These documents are requested to be filed **annually** for each child with Chicago Public Schools, Department of Policy and Procedures, 1 North Dearborn Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60602 or via email at: [ljbell6@cps.edu](mailto:ljbell6@cps.edu). We recommend that you keep copies for your records.

Please be aware that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requests that parents and guardians of homeschooled children complete the *Home Schooling Registration* form. This document is requested to be filed **annually** for each child with **both** Chicago Public Schools, Department of Policy and Procedures, 1 North Dearborn Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60602 or via email at: [ljbell6@cps.edu](mailto:ljbell6@cps.edu) **and** the ISBE at the following e-mail address: [hsregist@isbe.net](mailto:hsregist@isbe.net). It is collected for informational purposes only, based upon the requirements that ISBE make annual reports on education in the state. ISBE can be contacted at (217) 782-5270 if you have questions concerning this form.

Under Article 26 of the Illinois School Code, the Regional Superintendent of Schools is vested with the authority to ensure that all children between the ages of seven and seventeen are provided with an appropriate education. Failure of a child to attend school when he or she is required to may result in a referral to the Office of the State's Attorney as a violation of Article 26. Additionally, if in the judgment of the public district of residence, the home instruction given is not commensurate with the standards prescribed for in the public schools, the home instruction may be investigated by the State of Illinois.

We appreciate your cooperation and communication. If you have questions, please contact Lauren J. Bell, with the Department of Policy and Procedures at (773) 553-2186 or via email at: [ljbell6@cps.edu](mailto:ljbell6@cps.edu).

Sincerely,

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