The following message is being sent on behalf of

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I am sure your decision to home school your child was made based on a conscientious evaluation of the needs of your child and your ability to provide rich educational opportunities that enable your child to be a productive citizen.

However administrators, teachers and citizens are increasingly bringing to my attention incidents where homeschooling is being used to circumvent truancy/attendance issues, code of conduct infractions and/or academic issues. It is reported these students are not receiving any, or insufficient instruction.

I know you would agree that it is not acceptable for students to simply be out of school without appropriate supervision and instruction as such situations constitute neglect.

These students are not being provided an engaging education which will prepare them for college or career. The intent of my remarks during the recent Legislative Interim Session was to create a much justified sense of urgency related to those students being neglected.

As the state superintendent of schools, I cannot ignore such an injustice and let these children slip through the cracks. This is a difficult issue, and I and the State Board will proceed with all due caution. I can only hope you will support the Board and Department of Education in our journey to provide every child with a thorough and efficient education.

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