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## INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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## **Legislative Council Home Schooling Inquiry**

I would like to make a submission to this Inquiry, on behalf of a family I know who home school their children.

I have known the family for over 20 years. I have actually been friends with the mother from our teenage years. At the moment her oldest son teaches Sunday School with my husband at our local Greek Orthodox Church.

I have always found the children to be happy, confident, respectful and full of enthusiasm to play with other children at various social gatherings. They have also participated in serving others at various charity functions.

It has been interesting over the years to talk to my friend about how she home schools the children as I am a primary trained teacher. I have always admired her patience with the children and her abilities as a home teacher. She is very capable and intelligent person who has brought up her children to follow in those footsteps.

As a teacher I have to praise her for the great job she has done over the years home schooling her children. I wish that all children could have such a positive educational experience, whether at a public, private or home school.

Yours Sincerely

Koula Giakoumatos