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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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To the legislative council of home schooling inquiry

I would like to relay my experiences in both school & home schooling.

I started school age 5, enjoying it at first (a few days) but I gradually felt alone, afraid & abandoned.

This may sound extreme but I only attended school for a year & still feel extremely damaged from the experience. Mine may be a less common case however, as I received a lot of bullying & suffered from child abuse from one of the teachers at that school. I personally don't think that school is a safe place for any child to be, -especially at such a young age-.

I began home schooling at age 6 & 1/2 extremely relieved but still very afraid of people & untrusting.

It's now been almost 16 years since my kindergarten year & I still feel it was one of the worst years of my life.

After beginning home school, I was able to stay safe & form healthy relationships & to focus on dance and music. By the age of 15, I had already completed eight grades & one certificate, up to the diploma level in classical music (piano), & at age 19 I achieved senior teacher's certificate in Tap dancing.

I am now (at age 21) a recording engineer & sound designer & have worked on documentaries & films in the US. Home schooling means that I am a specialist in what I do without being put through the narrow confines of the school system.

But also, more importantly, home schooling meant that I could grow up in a much healthier way.

I have battled a lot of illness & I am so grateful for such a thing as home school.

I remember everything so vividly & it really was the key to my living a somewhat normal life.

I trust you have listened well to the submissions. Please support home school & support the people that choose to do it. Especially in regards to funding & ease of registration. We need action & improvements to people's lives.

Sincerely

PS, I am happy for you to contact me for any further details or to confirm legitimacy of the above information.