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Sent: 12 May 2021 21:09
To: karin@oostrum.org
Subject: CEM

Dear Karin van Oostrum

Thank you for writing to the KZN MEC and requesting that he engages with home educators.

Your message was forwarded to the office of the MEC for Education in KZN.

Even more important than sending the message is to give the provincial department of Education a call and confirm that they have received your letter and have noted your concerns. You can call the following number(s): 033 355 2450 , 031 360 6593 , 033 355 2417 , 031 360 6590

Regards

- Pestalozzi Trust

Below is a copy of the letter forwarded to the MEC:

<i>From: Karin van Oostrum <karin@oostrum.org>
Subject: Engage with home educators prior to CEM meeting on the BELA Bill</i>

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Dear Minister

Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill – CEM Meeting.

It has come to my attention that in the near future you will be discussing the BELA Bill in the meeting of the Council of Education Ministers.

As a home educator living in KZN I am concerned that the proposed BELA Bill, if it remains in its current form, will negatively impact home education in our province.

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The BELA Bill will allow education officials to enter my home. This is an invasion of privacy and violates my family's right to privacy which is protected by s14 of the Constitution.

Any information that the provincial department needs can be gathered in a way that respects my rights. If I require support in my home education, I will obtain that support through my own efforts and at a place and time of my choosing. I may wish to contact the provincial department for help but that will be my choice.

There is no research on how many home educators there are in KZN. Until this is known the potential socio-economic impacts of the BELA Bill in our province cannot be known.

Could you urgently meet with the home education associations in your province who are members of Liberty in Learning Coalition (See <https://bit.ly/33vPK9T>) and experts such as the Pestalozzi Trust prior to discussing the Bill in the CEM to allow us to share our concerns with you and assist you in making informed input on the Bill?

Kind regards

Regards

Karin van Oostrum

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