

Home Education Listening Session with Senator Jeanne Dietsch

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Chat Comments

10:18:35 From Kate McLoughlin : I'd like to share this link with Senator Dietsch and those parents listening. I have hi-lighted some data about the success of parents in home education their children.

10:18:37 From Kate McLoughlin : <https://www.nheri.org/research-facts-on-homeschooling/>

10:19:57 From Brandon Latham : Thank you

10:21:40 From crcbird : Home educating families have expenses. Curriculum, courses, etc. They pay taxes which support local public school. However there is no financial support for home school families. Will add the millions of dollars that home school families save local districts

10:22:08 From Ann Marie : What bill?

10:22:46 From Rebecca Owens : I have homeschooled and sent my kids to public school and remote schooled, most recently. I can say that it takes less time and we get more accomplished by homeschooling. We do not have to spend time getting dressed and getting on the bus and waiting in lines and waiting for teachers to handle those with behavioral issues. Same with remote learning, there were daily online check ins that were mandatory that were in my opinion, a waste of time.

10:25:58 From Rebecca Owens : The beauty of homeschooling is there is no federal "tracking". There are testing options that are available to homeschoolers now.

10:26:06 From Ann Marie : Is this a block chain system?

10:27:38 From Ann Marie : I wouldn't want the home-schoolers involved in any of that. (State DOE) Let's see how it works in the public school before it's even considered for any other education facility.

10:31:10 From Ann Marie : Here is a link to the Senator's bill:
http://gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2020&id=2076&txtFormat=html

10:31:17 From Kathryn Michelotti : thankyou

10:31:57 From Ann Marie : Can't the district lobby against approval if they aren't comfortable with the organization asking for that consideration?

10:32:50 From Ann Marie : You mention partisan, do you have evidence of any partisanship when approving a program?

10:37:29 From Rebecca Owens : The community is the glue, not the public school.

10:38:01 From Ann Marie : Ultimately the parents can decide if they want to use a state approved program. I'm confused why that's even an issue.

10:43:18 From Ann Marie : Does the Commissioner support your bill? If not, why not?

10:50:05 From Knight : Beautifully said, Cristina. Thank you!

10:53:11 From Rebecca Owens : yes great comments Cristina!

10:53:51 From Rebecca Owens : so the majority should not be punished because of the small percentage of outliers

11:03:56 From Knight : Before we wrap up, would it be possible to hear Senator Dietsch's overall opinion of homeschooling and how she would personally like to see the state involved in homeschooling if at all?

11:04:12 From Samantha Hardwick : good idea

11:05:17 From cristina : Yes, great idea!

11:08:24 From aliciaferguson : 34% of public school 11th graders did not test at a proficient reading level for 2017-2018.

11:08:58 From Ann Marie : How do we trust in a bureaucracy that allows so many children in the public schools to fall through the cracks?

11:09:42 From Rebecca Owens : yes NH state academic scores are at an all time low and dwindling every year

11:10:45 From aliciaferguson : Over 50% of public school 11th graders are not proficient in math.

11:11:12 From Rebecca Owens : 3 year olds should not be reading

11:11:25 From Ann Marie : Let kids be kids.

11:11:25 From Kate McLoughlin : She didn't say that.

11:11:34 From Kate McLoughlin : Education begins at birth.

11:11:36 From Rebecca Owens : what did she say?

11:11:44 From Rebecca Owens : i mustve missed it

11:12:12 From Michelle Levell : <https://ireport.education.nh.gov/state/NH/student-achievement>

11:12:46 From Zoë : She said "behind where they should be"

11:12:55 From Jennifer Simon : perhaps what we are missing is allowing children to be children so that they are prepared to learn at an appropriate developmental level. Not putting them in school sooner.

11:14:21 From Knight : Spot on, Kate.

11:14:43 From Jennifer Simon : Please forgive the above typos-on my phone 🙄

11:15:00 From Ann Marie : Agreed Jennifer. When high performing countries send their children later than us, we need to be mindful that earlier isn't always better.

11:15:11 From Rebecca Owens : YES!

11:15:20 From cristina : Very well said, Kate!

11:15:29 From Rebecca Owens : Perfect Kate

11:15:38 From Ann Marie : Well said Kate.

11:15:40 From Jennifer Simon : Agreed Kate!

11:16:06 From Ann Marie : The power lies with the parents first. It's not up to the legislators to take that power away. It's up to them to support parents.

11:16:24 From Rebecca Owens : CLAP CLAP CLAP!!!

11:16:30 From Knight : I had a friend teaching at an inner city Manchester public high school who commented that low test scores reflected at home involvement, not necessarily the teachers.

11:17:09 From Lindsey Bashelor : Thank you Kate. :)

11:17:31 From aliciaferguson : Yes, thank you Kate. Beautifully said!

11:17:34 From Katie Hinds : Amazingly put, Kate!

11:17:54 From Ann Marie : Children start school at the age of 7 in Finland

11:19:47 From Ann Marie : <https://www.tes.com/news/timss-bad-news-finland-russia-and-kazakhstan-soar>

11:19:55 From Ann Marie : Timss: Bad news for Finland but Russia and Kazakhstan soar

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study raises more questions for Pisa star Finland

11:20:01 From Rebecca Owens : because we need more support and less oversight

11:20:29 From Jennifer Simon : I homeschooled as a single mom for 5 years, and have been below poverty level for much of my time homeschooling.

11:21:03 From Ann Marie : Finland has long been considered a star of international education rankings, but the latest results from Timss, published today, contain bad news for the Nordic country.

The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study shows that Finland dropped from 8th to 17th place in maths tests for 10-year-olds. The country's average score also fell from 545 to 535.

In primary science, Finland's score also dropped from 570 to 554 leading to it dropping from 3rd to 7th in the table of 57 countries. Finland's 14-year-olds were not entered in Timss.

11:21:08 From Kathryn Michelotti : Wonderful points Kate

11:23:20 From Ann Marie : Exactly Katie. Everyone has to remote learning right now.

11:23:21 From Rebecca Owens : pass the vouchers for homeschoolers

11:23:34 From Jennifer Simon : Absolutely, Katie, it can be done!

11:23:37 From Kimberly Graham : yes, vouchers!

11:23:39 From Ann Marie : Vouchers will have strings tied Rebecca. Careful what you wish for

11:23:51 From Kate McLoughlin : No vouchers, thank you. Vouchers come with government oversight as to how we spend our education dollars.

11:23:56 From Ann Marie : They will FORCE your kids to use the standardized test to get those vouchers.

11:24:13 From Kimberly Graham : ok, yes that is true.

11:24:19 From Ann Marie : Vouchers have made private schools align to Common Core in states like Indiana and Ohio.

11:24:30 From Rebecca Owens : well, then something similiar, if you homeschool then you get a tax refund

11:24:34 From Kate McLoughlin : And what the government considers educational is not working particularly well.

11:24:54 From Ann Marie : The tuition scholarship program will help home-school families if they need financial support.

11:25:28 From Rebecca Owens : for tuition yes, but not for supplies and memberships and lost income

11:25:52 From Kate McLoughlin : Nope

11:26:21 From Katie Hinds : For the record we do rely on Children's Scholarship Fund of New Hampshire to offer support for curriculum and supplies. I am so grateful for the help that we've been able to get from them.

11:26:39 From Kate McLoughlin : That's a better solution than direct funding.

11:26:56 From Rebecca Owens : oh do they? excellent!

11:27:15 From Katie Hinds : I agree Kate.

11:27:26 From Kate McLoughlin : I don't believe the government needs to fund my choice to live on one modest income. But scholarship help for curriculum, absolutely.

11:27:50 From Rebecca Owens : oh no...

11:28:02 From Ann Marie : Why not ask Senator Dietsch her views on the scholarship program and to help strengthen and expand it.

11:29:00 From aliciaferguson : Check out Kodiak Island Borough School District for flexible learning options!

11:29:04 From Ann Marie : Social and Emotional learning involves data collection of behaviors and attitudes on children. The screening tools used for SEL are psychological evaluations. Some administrators have failed to acquire parental permission too.

11:29:46 From cristina : How about a percentage of the property taxes following the child, regardless of the form of education?

11:30:37 From Ann Marie : The real reason your child is being psychologically profiled in school: <https://emilytalmage.com/2017/07/14/the-real-reason-your-child-is-being-psychologically-profiled-at-school/>

11:31:29 From Rebecca Owens : whoa...

11:31:40 From Ann Marie : Have You Seen Junior's Psych Profile? Public schools may be assessing your kids without your consent.

11:32:02 From Neil Sandford : As Kate stated their needs to be a change in philosophy for all education, home education or the public school. Parents are the expert on their child, not some bureaucrat or politician. Programs that parents can opt into are fine but governmental control is not. Motivation is the key to effective education and parental involvement is the key to student motivation. So changing the perspective that government knows best and try to empower parents wherever possible.

11:32:31 From Kate McLoughlin : Excellent point, Neil.