

Homeschooling *Our* Children

As public schooling worsens, more children are being homeschooled.

The most common reason why parents homeschool their children, is to avoid the corrosive influences in public schools. That was true 30 years ago and public schools have gotten steadily worse.

Children pick up drug abuse and other bad habits on playgrounds and in the classrooms. Young children are now encouraged to do things by the schools that normal adults are uncomfortable discussing.

Homeschoolers also do much better academically. Those opposed to homeschooling often claim that homeschool children miss “socialization” in public school settings. But homeschoolers do better there too!

Homeschools have other advantages. Children learn best when they are fresh. Getting ready for school and riding on a bus wastes a child’s best hours. Homework done late at night is a poor substitute.

Quality education is *not* sitting in a classroom for so many hours a week. What happens in that classroom matters.

Colleagues, we should be an example to other parents. Let’s make sure that our own children and grandchildren are being homeschooled if possible.

We need to get the state out of the way of the schools. We need major changes that should not be difficult.

While we are working to do this, let’s show our children, grandchildren, and those watching that we care about our young people.

Let’s keep them *out* of the public schools.