

# Vereniging vir Tuisonderwys Association for Home Schooling

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*Parents reject department of education plans to transform home education*

During 2004, the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) held a number of meetings with parents who educate their children at home. Representatives of the Association for Home Schooling (AHS) attended all these meetings.

In September, the AHS released a media statement in which it expressed its concern about the stated intention of the GDE to use force to transform home education into a medium to transfer the values of government to the next generation.

It is the right of parents to transfer their values to their children. This right is recognized in the constitution, the SA Schools Act and international law. The actions of the GDE are therefore illegal.

These developments have caused member families to join forces by starting a coalition of concerned parents which they call, "*Fathers for the Rule of Law*".

The objectives of this coalition are to challenge the GDE on its illegal actions, and to protect their families against illegal government interference.

The AHS was the institution who lobbied successfully for the provision of home education in the SA Schools act. With its current actions, the GDE is unlawfully undermining the freedom of home education. For this reason, the AHS supports the objectives of the coalition of concerned parents called "*Fathers for the Rule of Law*".

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