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## ICW: Interests of children in Germany

Dear Dr. Bodo Schaff

The Association for Homeschooling represents parents who provide home education to their children in Gauteng, as well as other parts of South Africa.

Our members can tell you many stories illustrating the value of home education. Research by the University of Pretoria has shown children who receive home education generally perform better academically as well as socially. In 2004 it was a home educated young man who won the ABSA prize for entrepreneurship. Research in other countries provides similar results.

It is also recognized by South African and international law that parents can make the best decision on what is in the best interest of their children.

In spite of research results and international legal principles, it has been reported in several media articles that German parents have been jailed, because they choose to educate their own children.

In order improve understanding between German and South African parents on educational matters, the Association for Homeschooling would like to request an appointment with yourself in order to provide more information on homeschooling.

Kind Regards

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(Chairman: Association for Homeschooling)