

Education Network of Christian Home-schoolers of New
Jersey

ENOCH of NJ

Legislative E-lert

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From: Mark August, Legislative Liaison, legislative_liaison@enochnj.org

Re: Trenton Homeschool Rally Set for Monday May 24! Update #1

Date: Monday, May 24th 2004

Time: 11am – 1pm

Place: Front steps of the State House, Trenton

We need you and your family to be in Trenton on Monday!!

This is your family's best chance this year to make a difference in the laws regulating homeschooling in New Jersey. Please put aside any plans you may already have for the day.

If you have not committed to come yet, please take this to God in prayer, asking for His guidance.

We are asking the Legislators and the Press to come out and see what a mighty force homeschoolers are in New Jersey. If they come and see 200 of us, that will send a message we do NOT want to send. If they come and see 2000, we will be speaking volumes! Your presence on Monday can make or break this effort.

What an opportunity to give our homeschooled children a chance to not only learn about how government works in our country – but to participate. This is a chance a public school student would rarely, if ever, be given.

Come with a Slogan:

Bring a sign, banner, homemade tee-shirt, etc. with a slogan that will identify you as a homeschooler. I would recommend that whatever you choose – the slogan should be short – and have some form of the word “Homeschool” in it. Using “A1918” would also identify you as a homeschooler to a legislator, but maybe not for someone in the press. A positive statement is better than a negative. We are **not against** public education, we are **for** homeschooling. If you are as creatively challenged as I am, here are some suggestions people have sent to me:

“HOMESCHOOLING WORKS”

“Homeschooling – 40 years of success”

"Remove A1918, Not Parental Rights!"

"A1918 is Unnecessary, Unfair, Unfunded!"

"A1918 discriminates!"

"Homeschoolers have civil rights too!"

"A1918 violates Federal Law [small print] 20 USC Section 7886(b)"

"Medical Privacy for Homeschoolers too"

"Homeschooling saves taxpayers \$130,000 per child"

“DON'T FIX WHAT AIN'T BROKE! SUPPORT NJ HOME EDUCATION”

“NJ HOME EDUCATION IS PERFECT!”

“PERFECT TOGETHER - NEW JERSEY AND HOME EDUCATION”

“HOME EDUCATION FREEDOM NOW”

“VOTE FOR HOME EDUCATION FREEDOM”

“FREE TO NJ TAX PAYERS - HOME EDUCATION”

“EDUCATION EXCELLENCE - NJ HOME EDUCATION”

“OPPOSE A1918 “

“HOME EDUCATION - THE GARDEN STATE'S BEST!”

“WE GROW GREAT KIDS - NJ HOME EDUCATORS”

(Especially for children)

"I (heart) Homeschooling"

"I give homeschooling an A+"

"Homeschooling has great results"

"Homeschooling makes great citizens"

How To Get There:

I have heard that some are concerned about parking after reading HSLDA's E-lert. While we may not be able to park right at the State House – parking should certainly not be a deterrent. If you can teach your children to read and write, you can find a place to park! Carpools or public transportation are options as well.

I have heard that some of you have already made arrangements for buses to bring you to Trenton on Monday. Please note, that according to our permit: "the permit holder does not approve buses." We have attempted to clarify this today with officials in Trenton. That means that the bus cannot drive directly to the State House complex to drop you off. We believe that if the drop off/pick up point is a few blocks from the complex - we would be working within the permit limitations.

Parking:

There is a large overflow parking area on Perry Street where a bus comes by to pick up and drop off at the state house. It is about a 10-15 minute walk otherwise, but the bus goes right there.

Public parking is available in the Capitol Complex parking garage. It is accessed by turning right onto Barrack Street from West State Street and turning left at the first light onto Lafayette Street. Proceed to the next light and turn right onto South Warren Street. Make the first right and make another right at the stop sign. Bear left at the light and make a right at the light toward the back of the State House. Proceed to the guard booth and have picture ID ready to gain access to the parking garage.

Metered, on-street parking is available along West State Street. Pay lots are located at the corner of South Warren and Lafayette Streets, and at North Warren and Hanover Streets. Handicap parking is available in the parking garage and on West State Street in front of the State House and Annex and across the street from the State House.

Clover Park & Lock

431 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609

(609) 392-9582

<http://www.trentongarage.com>

Hamilton Train Station Parking

800 Sloan Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08619

(609) 584-7703

<http://www.trentongarage.com>

Park America Inc

Bank, Trenton, NJ 08608

(609) 396-4440

Park America Inc
State Street Square, Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 393-9822

Penn Central Parking Inc
81 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609
(609) 392-5835

Station Plaza Park & Ride
60 Wallenberg Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 584-7703
(609) 599-2802 (fax)
<http://www.trentongarage.com>

Station Plaza Park & Ride LP
458 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609
(609) 599-3100
<http://www.trentongarage.com>

Trenton Parking Garage
1 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 394-9324

VIP Park & Lock
60 Wallenberg Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 599-9614

Driving Directions:

Here are the directions to the State House from the NJ Legislative webpage:

From the East: Take 195 west to Route 29 north (toward Lambertville). Exit right at Memorial Drive. Follow signs for the Capitol Complex and proceed through the light at the end of the ramp. After the light, make a sharp first right and proceed making a semi-circle around the parking area. Pass through the light into the Capitol Complex.

From the South: Take Route 206 north or 295 north, and follow directions to 195 west. Follow directions above for traveling from the east.

From the West: Enter Trenton via Delaware River toll bridge (Route 1 north). Exit at Route 29. Take Route 29 north (toward Lambertville). Exit right at Memorial Drive. Follow signs for the Capitol Complex and proceed through the light at the end of the ramp. After the light, make a sharp first right and proceed making a semi-circle around the parking area. Pass through the light into the Capitol Complex.

From the North: Take Route 1 south to the last New Jersey exit ("Capitol Complex"). Turn right onto Warren Street and go to the light where you will make a left onto Market Street. Pass through the next light at William Trent Place and bear right following signs for the Capitol Complex.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Direct rail service to Trenton is provided by both NJ Transit (1-800-582-5946) and Amtrak (1-800-872-7245). NJ Transit also provides bus service to and within the Trenton area.

FROM THE TRAIN STATION

Walking: South Clinton Avenue runs along the left side of the train station. Proceed up the avenue (to your right when facing the road) one block and make a left onto East State Street. (You'll soon pass the Department of Environmental Protection on your left.) At one point, the street becomes a pedestrian mall. After the mall, the street becomes West State Street. The State House is two blocks up on the left. The walk takes 10-15 minutes.

Cabs: Cabs are available at the rear of the station.

Buses: Buses stop in front of the train station at the corner of South Clinton Avenue. Most service West State Street and the State House.