



Informational Presentation:

2021 Capitol Day

# What is Capitol Day (in a normal year)?

The goal of Capitol Day is to provide information about private home education to our California state legislators and their staff in a friendly, professional manner through our volunteer private homeschoolers. This allows them the opportunity to meet with actual homeschool families.

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Our Capitol Day attendees go through training and then break up into groups and visit each of the 120 legislators' offices, providing each office with an information packet about private homeschooling. These packets help explain what private home education is as well as provide research showing that privately home-educated children do very well compared with students in public schools.

# What Does Capitol Day Accomplish?

1. It informs this year's newly elected legislators and their staff while reminding the veteran legislators of the benefits of private homeschooling.
2. It strengthens our working relationship with legislators and their staff on a professional level.
3. It leaves them with a way to contact us if they ever have any questions about home education.

# Capitol Day During COVID-19

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Capitol building will not be available for tours and meetings with legislators. **Therefore, FPM and CHEA will instead be virtually hosting live, special speakers and training for volunteer private homeschool families to help them meet their legislator at the local district office.** These meetings will offer volunteer private homeschool families the chance to inform state legislators of their concerns and positions regarding private home education, while giving a friendly face to homeschooling families and organizations.

# Why Continue Capitol Day through District Visits?

Participating in these district office visits will show clearly to our State legislators that private homeschool freedoms are of constant concern to families from around the state. Families who express determination and interest in protecting these freedoms, even during the pandemic, show our legislators just how vital these freedoms are to the homeschooling community.

# What is a District Visit like?

A legislator's district office is calmer and more relaxed than their Capitol office. A legislator will have more time there to discuss issues specific to the district and to really connect with the people of the district that he or she represents.

During this pandemic season, a district office visit is much more effective and likely to occur than a visit to a legislator's Capitol office.

# Why Visit a District Office?

The purpose of the visit is to establish a good relationship and a positive image of homeschooling should the issue of new regulations of home education come up in the future.

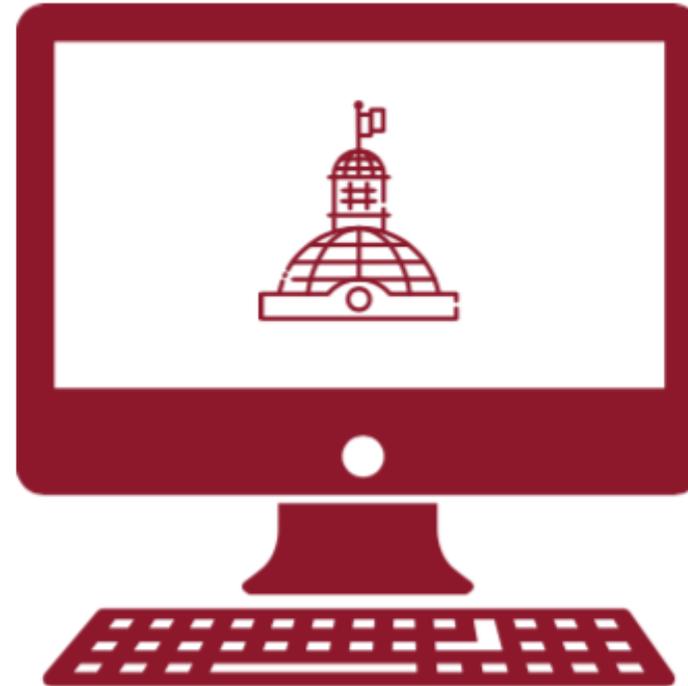
For example, during a visit, homeschool families can express gratitude for the work he or she is doing, mentioning that they want the best quality education for their child(ren) and that they are teaching their child(ren) at home. Volunteers will also provide their legislators with a packet (which we will supply to our volunteers), which is an introduction to the idea of private home education.

# FPM's Legislator Packets

Our legislator packets make visiting a legislator simple by providing helpful instructions on how to prepare for and schedule a volunteer's visit. The packet also contains informational material designed specifically for volunteers to give directly to their legislator or their legislator's staff.

# Our New Event!

**Virtual Capitol Day  
&  
Advocacy from Home**  
**Family Protection  
Ministries &  
CHEA of California**



# Virtual Capitol Day (Special Speakers and Training)

- This event will feature special speakers with insights on the inner workings of the Capitol and the importance of your involvement in advocacy.
- In the past, our speakers have included legislators and their staff members, who speak to us about their experience and prepare us for our visits to all the legislators' offices.

# Virtual Capitol Day (Special Speakers and Training)

- **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 9:00AM-12:00PM**
- We want everyone to watch the live, virtual training and speakers
- Will be recorded

# Advocacy from Home (District Office Visits/Meetings)

- Advocacy from home is meeting your representative (either in-person or through virtual means or a phone call).
- Training for our volunteer families to have these meetings will be provided with written material that will be emailed, live training (which will be during Virtual Capitol Day), and pre-recorded videos that will help prepare them to make a visit to their legislator's district office.

# Advocacy from Home (District Office Visits/Meetings)

- Since the traditionally in-person district office visits are not currently possible, please anticipate the two main ways conversations with state legislators are likely to take place in 2021.
  - Virtual Meetings
  - Phone Calls