



PURE *Parents for Unalienable Rights in Education*

Statement of Purpose **for**

Parents for Unalienable Rights in Education (PURE)

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The time has come for parents to organize nationally to assert their unalienable right to educate their children at home without interference from the state.

As more and more parents have opted for home-schooling to rescue their children from the moral and academic disintegration of government schooling, the state education establishments have sought to deprive parents of their rights. In Idaho, the three Shippy families were jailed for home-schooling, and their children were put in foster homes. In Alabama, Ed and Sharon Pangelinan were jailed for the same "crime." Other home-schooling families across America have been intimidated, harassed, and persecuted by superintendents and social workers.

The state educators mean business. They are out to crush home-schooling through legislation and regulation in order to force parents to put their children under state control. This is tyranny! Not even George III denied the colonists the right to educate their own children as they saw fit. Yet, today, the state education establishment is ready to trample on parental rights.

This has got to be stopped. The parents of America must organize themselves into a strong national force to free education from the stranglehold of the state and its "educators." **Parents for Unalienable Rights in Education (PURE)** is intended to become that force. Our goal is simple: to restore unalienable parental rights and to free education from government control. To accomplish this, PURE will begin a long-range effort to bring these critical issues before the American people. If we are a "nation at risk," it is because of our inefficient, slovenly, misdirected government education system. But even if government schools were doing a decent job, this would not negate unalienable parental rights.

Our national organization will have an advisory council, fifty state committees, local groups in cities and towns, and a nationwide network of informed activists to keep us alerted to what is happening to home-schoolers in communities around the nation. When home-schoolers are jailed or prosecuted, we shall know about it promptly and direct them to legal help. We shall be a clearing house of information to let our members know what the enemies of educational freedom are doing in the several state legislatures.

We have already established a national office and will help our state committees set up permanent offices of their own.

We will assist in the creation of the fifty state committees and coordinate their activities so that PURE's voice will be heard from coast to coast. We hope to establish a field staff to coordinate activities and programs, train volunteers, and organize local groups.



Plan of Action for PURE

Gerald Mazzearella, National Chairman of PURE

PURE, Parents for Unalienable Rights in Education, is the brainchild of well-known writer and educator Samuel Blumenfeld. He created it to bring relief to parents who are either sending their children to private schools or teaching them at home, but are meeting resistance from government or school officials. While most government and school officials are decent people, there are individuals working behind them and using them to harass Americans into accepting programs designed to bring about questionable and even harmful social goals.

Since children educated at home or in private schools are trained to be independent, God-fearing individuals, the goals of the establishment's social planners are being frustrated. In their minds, everyone must conform and become "well-adjusted" to their programs.

The Goal of PURE

Simply stated, the goal of PURE is to fortify parents as they struggle to maintain their unalienable right to control the education of their children and to keep them free from special interest groups using government to control what is taught. PURE believes that parents are the final arbiters of what their children are taught.

In progressing toward our overall goal, PURE will concentrate on the following four areas of activity:

1. Shed light on the depth of the problem by identifying the social planners, and how they use tax money, tax-free foundations, government agents, and school officials for their purposes. It is also our intention to expose the plans of those in the international arena who are directing the social planners: those who seek to dominate the educational process worldwide and make it both a function of government and an instrument of social control.
2. Help guarantee the rights of parents to educate their children as they see fit — whether at home, in private school, or even public schools.
3. Work for the abolition of the Department of Education. This federal agency has the potential to become the instrument for thought control here in America.
4. Create sufficient understanding so that freedom in education will be secure. The alarming percentage of Americans who are grossly uninformed about these matters continues to grow. If we can reverse this trend, a better informed electorate can then affect federal, state, and local policies in such a way that government will be kept out of education as much as possible.

PURE will publish a monthly newsletter, *The PURE Facts*, with an agenda of nationally coordinated activities, and a forum for members to express their views. PURE will also sponsor home-schooling seminars, conferences, and conventions. PURE members from all over the country will get to know one another and exchange ideas — and home-schooled children will meet their pen pals — at an annual national convention.

PURE will be an organization of loving families, dedicated to passing on to their children the knowledge, wisdom and values of our great American heritage. Our source of revenue will be dues, contributions, on going pledge clubs, fundraising events, and profits from the sale of books, pamphlets, cassettes, and videotapes.

The time has come for us to act. If parents do not assert their unalienable rights now, they will lose them forever.

Plan of Action for PURE

As an initial step toward accomplishing our goal, we have created a national organization with a prestigious advisory council. As we proceed, it is our intention to set up fifty state committees, and many local groups in the cities and towns of our nation.

In time, we shall also supply information on the philosophy and history of education, free-market principles, how to conduct a home-schooling program or start a private school, and where to obtain legal assistance. We further hope to identify the groups, individuals, and ideas that are arrayed against educational freedom.

In time, we would like to build office and field operations that will include a full-time working staff. We would then produce and conduct film presentations and various other activities designed to increase awareness and membership, including the training of volunteers to organize locally.

As PURE grows, local volunteers will be expected to conduct periodical meetings, plan activities, and provide inspiration and direction. Some volunteers will be asked to supervise the activities of several local groups within a defined area. These dedicated men and women will be indispensable to our movement.

We also plan to supply each member with a monthly agenda: *The PURE Facts — Facts and Tactics for PURE Committees*. This periodical will include *The Forum*, which may be used by members for asking questions, ordering materials, offering suggestions, making contributions,

We estimate that dues will be a minimum of \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per family to be paid annually.

Another possible project is a PURE Speakers Bureau that will provide knowledgeable speakers on timely subjects. Members could rent a hall, print and sell tickets, do promotional publicity and set up media contacts and side engagements. These would be excellent ways to introduce others to our cause.

A further possible activity is a Youth Tutorial Program to help the many young Americans who have been educationally crippled by government schooling. Our members could offer instruction in reading, penmanship, math, study skills, writing, principles of Americanism, etc. Their students could, in turn, if they choose, tutor others. Two things would result from this: the reinforcement of knowledge in the students, and the establishment of a national network of self-help tutoring — an excellent framework for spreading our message.

These are just a few of the suggestions we shall be looking into as we work to motivate, enlist, and educate Americans. If you would like to help, please contact us.



"The Law of Nature dictated by God Himself is Superior to any other. It is binding over all the Globe, in all Countries and at all times. No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this, and such of them as are valid derive all of their force and all their authority mediately and immediately from this Original. Upon these two foundations, the Law of Nature and the Law of Revelation depend all human laws. Human laws are only declaratory of and act in subordination to Divine Law."

—William Blackstone (1723–1780),
English jurist whose *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (1765–69) deeply influenced the growth of Common Law.
The above quotation is inscribed on the wall of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the State Capitol at Harrisburg.

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