Homeschooling Summit: Problems, Politics, and Prospects for Reform, June 18-19, 2020

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Thursday Evening, June 18, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

7:00 PM    Dinner

7:45 PM     Welcome, Summit Goals, Elizabeth Bartholet
            Introduction of Dinner Speakers, James Dwyer

8:00 PM     History and Current State of Homeschooling, Milton Gaither

8:30 PM     Evolution of Parent Rights and of Homeschooling Regulation, Jeffrey Shulman

Friday, June 19, 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM

7:30 AM     Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM     Concerns with Homeschooling
            The Overall Research Picture Including Educational and Social Outcomes, Milton Gaither
            Civic and Democratic Values, Rob Reich
            Child Maltreatment, Barbara Knox & Chelsea McCracken

10:30 AM    Break

10:45 AM    Reform Proposals, Moderator James Dwyer
            Regulatory Oversight, Robert Kunzman & Rachel Coleman
            A Presumptive Ban, Elizabeth Bartholet
12:00 PM  Lunch

1:00 PM  Political Action, Moderator Viola Vaughan-Eden
The Current Politics: HSLDA Dominance and Tactics, Carmen Longoria-Green
Legislative & Other Advocacy Strategies for Reform, Victor Vieth, Samantha Field, & Sarah Eagan

2:30 PM  Break

2:45 PM  Litigation Strategies for Reform, Moderator Frank Vandervort
State Constitutions as a Basis for Requiring Homeschooling Reform, Emily Zackin
Lessons from Successful Litigation Campaigns for Educational Equity, John Affeldt & Michael Rebell

4:45 PM  Closing remarks, Elizabeth Bartholet & James Dwyer

5:00 PM  Reception with wine and appetizers, ending at 6:30 PM