

**A Thorough and Efficient System of Common Schools Throughout the State—Period!**

The State has NOT perfected a thorough and efficient system of common schools as required by the Ohio Constitution. (The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March 24, 1997 DeRolph school funding decision is at hand) The State is responsible for a statewide system that is geographically-based and governed by each community via elected Board of Education members.

The one constitutional system precludes the State setting up multiple systems. The required ONE system eliminates the need for, the requirement of, and the authorization of other systems.

If the Constitution had no requirement for a thorough and efficient system of common schools, the legislature would be free to establish any system or systems.