

“A Seat at the Table”

A lobbyist, who represents several school districts, during the State budget process prior to June 30, 2021, advised his client school districts to stay out of the EdChoice Voucher litigation so they could have a “seat at the table.” In other words, don’t do anything to irritate any legislators, particularly the Senate President.

A “seat at the table” was not efficacious regarding school funding or putting the brakes on vouchers. In 2021, the Senate essentially ditched the Fair School Funding legislation and greatly expanded vouchers in terms of amount and eligibility. So much for a “seat at the table”.