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Pursuant to the State Budget Bill (HB110), All School Districts Now Pay for Vouchers

Previous to HB110, only districts with voucher students were financially affected by voucher deductions. Now all districts are financially affected by the EdChoice voucher program.

Beginning with fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) every school district essentially pays for vouchers. Vouchers are now funded from the budget line-item that had been traditionally dedicated to basic aid for school districts.

Hence, several hundred million dollars annually are siphoned off the basic aid line-item for EdChoice vouchers which, of course, reduces the funds traditionally reserved for all districts.

The cost of voucher students in Columbus City School District, for example, is now the liability of the whole state common school system, not just Columbus.

As the voucher system escalates, as it certainly will, the basic aid pool will dry up for school districts.

Ohioans need to wake-up to the voucher threat. Support the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher scheme.