

**Horace Mann is Considered the Father of the American Common School. Milton Friedman Could Be Considered the Father of the Voucher Scheme. Compare What Each Believed.**

Horace Mann advocated a high quality, tax-supported school system that would serve all the children of all the people. He believed that the common system would produce participating citizens who would embrace democracy and the common good.

Beginning in the 1950's Milton Friedman advocated for vouchers as an interim step to the elimination of public schools. In remarks made at a conference of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) July 21, 2006, Friedman advocated that public schools be abolished. He said parents should pay for private schools.

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