

**1850/1851 Ohio Constitution provided the mandate for the thorough and efficient common school system—2023 legislation unravels this constitutional provision.**

The Ohio Constitution requires the State to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools (Article VI, section 2). Additionally, Article VI, Section 3 requires the State to make provision by law for the organization, administration and control of the public school system supported by public funds. By legislation, the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is in the process of delivering a major blow to the constitutionally-required system via the universal voucher scheme. Private school vouchers are antithetical to the SYSTEM required in Article VI, Section 2 and the organization, administration and control of public education required in Article VI, Section 3.

Do some lawmakers and other State officials not feel obligated to follow the Ohio Constitution? Prisons are full of folks that don't feel obligated to follow the law.