

Ohio Senate President and Auditor of State (AOS) out of control.

School districts have the right to litigate. The Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding has the right to litigate. The DeRolph school funding case, as well as hundreds of other cases, is clear proof that school districts have legal authority to challenge the state in the state court system. Judge Page rejected the state's motion to dismiss the EdChoice voucher litigation case, allowing all five claims to go forward to trial.

The Senate President has a legislative record of demanding vouchers to the detriment of the public common school system. His persistence in this cause has resulted in the current version of the State Budget bill which includes a universal voucher system and more than \$400 million dollars less in school district funding compared to the House version of the budget.

The EdChoice voucher system is being challenged in court. The Senate President apparently wants to win the challenge outside the courtroom. He is using the AOS to harass and intimidate school districts that support the legal challenge and dissuade other districts from joining the effort. These state officials, in their dirty pool tactics, have demonstrated they have no regard for local public school districts or the citizens they represent.

The EdChoice voucher program is unconstitutional. State officials know this is the case and some of them will use any and all unsavory tactics to keep the voucher issue out of the courtroom.