

Diane Ravitch August 20 blog: How Vouchers Undermine Democracy

In her August 20 blog, Diane Ravitch passed on a quote from “Retired Teacher” that should gain the attention of Ohioans. Ohio taxpayers are being required to pay billions for vouchers with scant accountability required by the state.

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A reader who uses the sobriquet “Retired Teacher” posted the following succinct summary of the harm caused by vouchers.

Vouchers represent anti-democratic education policy. Instead of serving the interests of society, vouchers turn unaccountable public dollars over to unaccountable schools and parents that can often do as they wish with the money. Vouchers are also a form of taxation without representation. When vouchers are used to supplement tuition for affluent children, which is often the case, they represent a massive transfer of wealth from working class to the affluent. They undermine community stability and force austerity on the public schools that serve the most students. They do not save poor students from failing schools. They create an economic reality that legitimizes the defunding of public education.