

Voucher applications surge in wake of universal vouchers in Ohio

As of September 8, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) reports that 70,487 EdChoice voucher applications have been submitted. ODE indicates that about 1000 applications are arriving every day. That the voucher applications this school year outstrips previous years should not be a surprise. Those previously paying private school tuition are welcoming the gift of state tax funds.

The voucher amounts will most likely increase during the next budget cycle. The universal voucher scheme will cause some private schools to eliminate their scholarship program and/or increase tuition. Voucher recipients, in turn, will pressure state officials to increase the tax dollars per voucher.

The voucher lobby has set the stage for bankrupting the constitutionally-required public common school system.