

HB136 in 2011, a gigantic voucher bill introduced by Representative Matt Huffman, would have cost \$849,958,076.

A December 1, 2011 report by the Education Tax Policy Institute indicated that the net cost of the Huffman bill 2011 would have been \$849,958,076. At that time, there was massive resistance to such assault on the public common school system. Catherine Johnson, then President of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) led the opposition to the bill.

Over time, state officials have incrementally expanded the voucher scheme to universal student eligibility via the current State Budget (HB33). What state officials couldn't accomplish in one fell swoop, they did bit by bit. Much of the expansion was achieved by tucking such in budget bills in the 11th hour of the budget process when all concerned are too worn out to discover and resist.

Is the achievement of the universal voucher scheme the final stage of the campaign of the education privatizers? Not a chance.

The schemers will heap-up public money for private education by expanding tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, and capital funds. Shady entrepreneurs will smell the public money and swoop down with a snake oil program for unsuspecting parents in possession of a wad of tax money.