

The goal of the voucher puppeteers is to eliminate government involvement in education—a movement to return to 18th century America.

The father of the voucher invention in the U.S. was the Libertarian economist Milton Friedman. His pronouncement in the 1950s was that government should get out of education, except for providing a voucher for students. A half century later, he told the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that parents should be responsible for paying for the education of their own children.

The Northwest Land Ordinance of 1785 provided that the 16th section of each township be set aside for the support of schools. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 required the government to encourage education. The 1802 Ohio Constitution also required the government to encourage education. Beginning in 1821, Ohio government initiated the common school system. The 1851 revised Ohio Constitution mandated the public common school.

In 1965, the Ohio government opened a crack in the door to tax funding of private schools via tax-funded student transportation to private schools. In 2023, every Ohio family is eligible for tax funded private school vouchers.

Voucher puppeteers have the goal of eliminating the public common school. The voucher scheme is an interim step. Eventually, their goal is to phase out vouchers.

This scenario will turn the pages of history back to the first decade of Ohio statehood. Parents had to fend for themselves regarding education.

In that era the maintenance of roads was the responsibility of the land owners through which the roads were situated. An old deed to the family farm indicates that road maintenance was the responsibility of the landowner.