

Boards of Education and the universal private school voucher arrangement.

At the state level, the responsibility of the state is clear—to secure, by taxation, a thorough and efficient system of common schools. (State officials for more than 26 years have not perfected a thorough and efficient system of common schools even though the Ohio Supreme Court ruled the system unconstitutional on March 24, 1997.) While the public system has languished financially due to state neglect, the state has provided about \$30 billion to unaccountable private schools via direct payments and vouchers since the 1997 Ohio Supreme Court decision.

At the local school district level, boards of education have had to place thousands of levies on the ballot to make up for the neglect of the state.

Boards of education are now challenging the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher scheme. They are doing so to protect their students, school district finances, and property taxpayers.

Stay tuned.