April 19 Lima News: Voucher use explodes with EdChoice expansion.

The April 19 <u>Lima News</u> article—Voucher use explodes with EdChoice expansion—mirrors the pattern of private school EdChoice voucher expansion in other areas of the state. The public school enrollment is somewhat stable but the voucher usage is increasing substantially.

Voucher use in Delphos City school district increased markedly. According to the <u>Lima News article</u>, "Five-hundred and eighty-five students living in the Delphos school district used EdChoice Expansion vouchers to attend private school this school year.

The school district saw a 350% increase in voucher use since state lawmakers expanded eligibility for the publicly funded private school tuition scholarships last summer, with only 130 students in Delphos using vouchers the previous school year, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce data show."

The universal voucher legislation was embedded in the state budget bill (HB33).