

“...but no religious or other sect, or sects, shall ever have any exclusive right to, or control of, any part of school funds of this state.”

Most voucher students attend religion-based private schools. The budget of some of those private schools is comprised of up to 75% tax revenue in the form of vouchers.

Vouchers are funded out of the same state budget line-item as public school districts—the common school system. Private schools are not subject to state audit. There are no state rules regarding private school finance. The public tax funds going to private schools are controlled by private folks.

The religion-based private schools are typically controlled by the leaders of their respective churches, mosques, synagogues, etc. The second clause of Article VI, section 2 of the Constitution of Ohio forbids any sect, religious or secular, to control any part of the school funds of the state. The state has been sending voucher funds directly to private schools, the operators of which control these funds without any accountability or transparency to the public.

It would require a lot of effort to misunderstand the mandate of Article VI, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution. It means what it says—private religious groups shall not control public school funds.

Does this sad state of affairs concern the officials who control Ohio government? It must not! As the Senate President has said, “We kind of do what we want.”

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