

Private religious schools that accept vouchers have a fundamental problem that can't be solved by vouchers and vouchers will create more problems for them.

Operators of religious private schools are on the horns of dilemma; but may not know it.

Most of them, it seems, seek tax funds via vouchers and other direct tax-funded payments to operate their schools. They seek more and more voucher students and higher and higher voucher values. They can't seem to generate sufficient support from their faith-based constituents to perpetuate their faith-based mission for which the private school was created; hence, they seek to advance their faith-based mission by tapping into the public treasury.

Of course, some faith-based groups have not historically lobbied for public support, but when it became available, their response seems to be: Why not?

Eventually, public support will result in public regulations which will ultimately result in watering down the very purpose for which the school was created.

Government support for the cravings of existing private schools, most of which are honorable education entities, will lead to proliferation of private education ventures that are less efficacious and, in some cases, nefarious. Outlandish prediction? Some will recall that right here in Ohio a private education operation was found to be teaching Nazism. When free public money is available, shysters of all stupes will gravitate to the lucre.