

Private schools are going all out to collect tax funds to help accomplish their mission—a sample “collect tax dollars” flyer is attached.

State officials—a plethora of them—have opened the floodgates of the public treasury to private schools of all stripes. Historically, parochial schools have been established and expanded to advance the faith tradition of sponsors of the schools. In the past, religious schools have willingly “footed the bill.” Ohio politicians of a particular ilk have tempted parochial school operators to “sell their birthright for a mess of pottage (lentils and beans).” They, like Esau, will rue the day that they succumbed to giving up their birthright to augment their self-serving desires for someone else to foot the bill. (The rationale that their private school constituents pay taxes and thus are entitled to tax funds for private schooling is bogus.) As a person of faith, it seems incongruous to me that a school to protect and advance its faith would want the community at large to subsidize it.

Some private schools depend on vouchers and direct tax funds for up to 75% of their budget. As private schools grow more dependent on tax funds, the public will demand government regulations which will compromise the mission of private schools.

“Be careful what you ask for” is more than a mere slogan.

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