

Red Lobster is latest US dining icon to fade—Columbus Dispatch, May 24, 2024.

Why is Red Lobster closings referenced here? Because that is the way markets operate. Toys R Us, gone. Blockbuster, no longer in business. Borders Books, closed. A&P supermarket, no more. Big Bear supermarket bit the dust. Oldsmobile, a relic of the past. It is as if private market endeavors are opened to eventually close.

In the education market in Ohio, ECOT, the fraudulent charter school online operation, ended abruptly with no forewarning. Nearly 300 charter schools that the State of Ohio chartered closed, or never opened.

There is patchy stability in the private and privately-operated education entities. Students have no guarantee of enrollment in a particular school; no guarantee of continued enrollment; no guarantee that the private school will stay open; no guarantee that the private school will be accountable, transparent, or state regulated.

The goal of privatizers is to eliminate the common school system that guarantees enrollment; that guarantees continuing enrollment and operation; that guarantees transparency and accountability; that guarantees democratic governance by school district representatives.

Ohio's universal voucher scheme is an open invitation (and checkbook) to private enterprise "providers". Charlatans can hang out a shingle claiming to provide cure-all educational programming to entice uninformed parents. In this new education market (privatization) environment, many, if not most, education seekers may be ill-equipped to make rational decisions for the education of their children. The carnival-like barkers will hone their skills to attract children to the novelty of their brand of "education." Private schools will open and close with little or no consideration for the welfare of their "customers."