

The Ohio legislature has enacted law that gives parents the right to tax money to purchase some kind of education; somewhere, somehow. That arrangement will not end well.

Delegates to the 1850/1851 Ohio Constitutional Convention pursued the idea that government, yes government, must ensure that every child in Ohio has the entitlement of education via the public common school. Every child. They were seeking the welfare of every child and the common good for all of society. In this scenario, children of all social, economic, racial, and ethnic groups have equal opportunity to enroll in the common school system funded by tax funds. The delegates did NOT craft language that forbade private school attendance but clarified that ONLY public schools would be funded by taxation.

Privatization of education includes the privatization of parental obligation to secure an education for their children. The responsibility of education in the market environment falls on the parents or guardians or in some cases, the children. In this scheme with a myriad of largely unregulated education providers, the quality of educational opportunities will differ dramatically. A significant percentage of the public population will end up in low quality educational programming. In the market environment, the quality of any given product or service varies drastically. The privatization of education will cement in place an assortment of education programming ranging from a very, very, low quality of education to an extraordinary, high quality.