

## **Ohio law provides multiple layers of tax funding for private schools**

State officials since the mid-1960's have been overly generous to private schools. Public transportation for private school students started the tax-supported gravy train for the privates in the 1960's. Then came the auxiliary services; then the nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement; then the Cleveland voucher project, which has mutated into universal vouchers which makes every parent of school age children eligible for vouchers.

In recent times, other layers of funding have been added. The tuition tax credit allows Ohioans to donate \$750 (\$1500 per couple) to private schools as a tax credit. The capital improvements bill has appropriated tax money for private school facilities. And there is more. Education Savings Accounts (ESA's) are available to some folks.

Attached is a [flyer](#) that advertises the tuition tax credit gimmick.

Let us recap the schemes that taxpayers are required to support in the private school sector.

- Student transportation
- Auxiliary services
- Nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement
- Vouchers
- Tuition tax credits
- ESA's
- Facilities

What is next? The crop of legislators that now grace the Statehouse will ramp up the payments in each category and add new ones.

Where is the outrage from the taxpayers?