

June 28 Lima NEWS--Ohio funds private school expansions

The private school facilities' foot-in-the-door funding scheme was incubated in the new Capital Improvement Budget Bill. The June 28, 2024, [Lima NEWS article](#) indicates that about \$4 million of tax funds are now allocated to private school building projects.

Private school facilities funding will no doubt be expanded as a means of increasing demand for vouchers.

The article mentions that Senate President Huffman has identified "capacity" as the next big issue for school choice. ("School choice" is a code word for privatization of the public common school.)

In other words, the Senate President has the goal of building facilities (capacity) to create a new demand for vouchers. Readers will recall that the current billion-dollar EdChoice voucher scheme started as a Cleveland voucher project. That project was initially funded at about the same amount as the facilities funding to private schools in the current capital improvements bill.

If allowed to stand, this \$4 million private school capital initiative could grow to a billion-dollar appropriation in a few years.