

EdChoice vouchers go on trial November 4

The litigation challenging the constitutionality of the EdChoice vouchers is in full swing. The trial begins in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on November 4.

The Plaintiff school districts and the Coalition will demonstrate to the court that the EdChoice voucher scheme (other Ohio voucher programs are not being challenged) violates multiple provisions of the Ohio Constitution. The Plaintiffs' claims are:

- COUNT ONE: DECLARATORY JUDGMENT – CREATION OF ONE OR MORE SYSTEMS OF UNCOMMON SCHOOLS IN VIOLATION OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2
- COUNT TWO: DECLARATORY JUDGMENT – FAILURE TO SECURE A THOROUGH AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COMMON SCHOOLS IN VIOLATION OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2
- COUNT THREE: SEGREGATION IN VIOLATION OF THE THOROUGH AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COMMON SCHOOLS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION
- COUNT FOUR: DIVERSION OF FUNDING IN VIOLATION OF THE “NO RELIGIOUS OR OTHER SECT SHALL EVER HAVE ANY EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OR CONTROL OF, ANY PART OF THE SCHOOL FUNDS OF THIS STATE” CLAUSE OF ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION
- COUNT FIVE: DECLARATORY JUDGMENT – VIOLATION OF OHIO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE I SECTION 2

The state defendants are relying on rhetoric and political spin in defense of the EdChoice voucher scheme. Defendants are on the wrong side of the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution.