

**Ohio politicians have, out of sync with the Ohio Constitution, developed multiple systems of education to the detriment of the education of children and respect for the taxpayers. How inefficient and ineffective!**

It is well documented and generally understood that Ohio's constitutionally required common school system is still unconstitutional. Instead of addressing the constitutional defects of the state common school system, state officials have initiated various alternative systems—charter schools, which are publicly funded but privately operated; private school voucher schemes, which are operated completely out of public view; partially funded homeschooling; nontax non chartered private schools that are not state regulated at all. (There is a bill in the legislature to give Education Savings Accounts (ESA's) to these entities.)

The Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools. Period. End of story! Article VI, section 2.

Beginning with the 1853 enactment of the school law in response to the constitutional requirement that the state secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, Ohio started on the policy road toward a thorough and efficient system. In 1912 the citizens of Ohio adopted a constitutional amendment (Article VI, section 3) requiring the legislature to provide for the organization, administration, and control of the public school system supported by public funds.

All of these constitutional provisions require the state to establish and maintain one thorough and efficient system of public common schools open to all school age children. The establishment of multiple systems of education in contrast to the public common school is an affront to the Ohio Constitution.