

The delay in the EdChoice voucher trial is not a problem for the Plaintiffs.

It is all good! Some supporters of the EdChoice voucher litigation may be wondering if the trial delay is a bad omen. It is not! The delay is merely a function of the court's heavy case load. The court docket for the voucher case is chock-full of transcripts of filings, orders, etc. This delay will not affect the outcome of the case.

The EdChoice voucher program in Ohio has no constitutional basis whatsoever. The Ohio Constitution is very clear regarding the state's responsibility for securing a thorough and efficient system of public common schools.

Legislators who advocate for privatization of public education are so zealous for their voucher mission that they hold the Ohio Constitution's provision for the public common school with contempt.

Public common school advocates must continue to resist the savage, unconstitutional assault on public school districts. We will prevail in the court of law and in the court of public opinion.

**Vouchers To Go On Trial in 2025
Judge Postpones Start Date From Nov. 4**

COLUMBUS - A Franklin County Judge has postponed the start of the private school lawsuit from Nov. 4, 2024 to a yet-to-be determined date in 2025.

"We are pleased that Judge Jaiza Page is being thoughtful and thorough in preparing for the education trial of the century in Ohio. We believe harmful private school vouchers that are siphoning billions of dollars away from public schools and public school children are unconstitutional," said former Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Eric Brown, who chairs the Vouchers Hurt Ohio Steering Committee.

"We experienced a similar timeline in the historic DeRolph case, and this is not unusual. We look forward to putting vouchers on trial because the Ohio Constitution is clear that there shall be one system of common schools for the common good, and vouchers are creating a separate and unequal system of schools for the wealthy while funneling hundreds of millions of tax dollars into religious, private schools," said William L. Phillis, Executive Director of the Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding.

The Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding is working with Vouchers Hurt Ohio, a growing coalition of public school districts that have come together to sue the state over the unconstitutional and harmful private school voucher program.