

**School Choice (i.e.) school privatization creates an environment in which many students are left behind and many more will be left behind as privatization escalates, some will languish in the market scrapheap.**

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) misguided federal initiative of a quarter century ago was and is still a catalyst for school privatization. NCLB set public school districts up for failure, no doubt, to make privatization more attractive to the public. (President Bush41 was an advocate for universal vouchers and his son, President Bush43, may have been of the same voucher ilk as his father.) The market system by design creates winners and losers. The education market arrangement, by its nature, will leave a significant percentage of children behind.

The public common school system, by design, automatically provides educational opportunities for ALL school children. The Ohio Constitution mandates a common school SYSTEM that is thorough and efficient. Those who don't choose to use the public system are free to enter the marketplace of education at their own expense.

The concept of a high-quality common school SYSTEM is a logical blueprint for efficiency and effectiveness in the state's constitutional responsibility for education.

In the early years of Ohio history, highways were primarily the responsibility of local governments. That concept didn't work well for all travelers, especially the long-distance travelers. The state was in a better position to provide a high-quality uniform highway system; a unified single system was necessary for the common good. Multiple systems of main highways operated by multiple jurisdictions would create chaos. The same is true for the provision of education.