

The sordid beginning of the voucher scheme continues with its same dark past.

The Plaintiffs in the Ohio EdChoice voucher lawsuit will demonstrate to the Court that vouchers segregate. Politicians in the South, subsequent to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v Board of Education*, seized upon Libertarian Economist Milton Friedman's recommendation that the role of government in education should be to issue vouchers for use in private schools. They used vouchers as a vehicle to circumvent the *Brown* decision.

The Court ruled in *Brown* that the "separate but equal" doctrine of a previous decision was being replaced with the requirement of integrated schooling. Politicians in the South began using vouchers to facilitate continued segregation.

The recent flood of EdChoice vouchers in Ohio went to students who were already enrolled in private schools. Private school officials, in most cases, required their attendees to apply for vouchers; hence, vouchers end up in the hands of the more affluent white folks. Vouchers have a history of segregation and in the scheme of things, vouchers will continue that dark legacy. Tax-supported segregation!