

The Tuition Tax Credits scheme in Ohio provides substantial support to private schools with money that should flow to the state as tax revenue.

Very few taxpayers are aware that Ohio government allows taxpayers to give up to \$750 per individual and \$1500 per couple to private schools in lieu of paying that same amount in taxes. Ohio lost an estimated \$70 million in the previous year via this provision. Private schools receive tax dollars in multiple ways in addition to the EdChoice voucher scheme, such as:

- Student transportation—amount unknown but very substantial inasmuch as Ohio law requires school districts to transport private school students.
- Auxiliary Services--\$166,853,000 in FY2025
- Non-public Administrative Cost Reimbursement--\$75,381,000 in FY2025
- Private school facilities--\$5,000,000 in FY2025 (a foot-in-the-door tactic)
- What is next? Legislators are talking about:
 - Education Savings Accounts (ESA's) for non-chartered, non-tax schools private
 - Private school facilities
 - Funding homeschooling
 - EdChoice vouchers on top of Jon Peterson vouchers and autism vouchers

In view of the House and Senate leadership for the upcoming 136th General Assembly, the school privatization campaign will accelerate with fury toward the public common school.