

**More tax funds have been approved to defend the use of tax funds for vouchers provided to those who choose to use private schools**

The Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools. Three decades ago State officials, in defiance of the Constitution, started to divert State funds for education to private ventures instead of complying with an Ohio Supreme Court order to perfect a thorough and efficient system of common schools.

The Ohio unconstitutional voucher scheme is costing Ohio taxpayers a billion dollars annually, with a potential to expand the price tag exponentially as lawmakers increase the value of vouchers, expand tuition tax credits, legislate Education Savings Accounts (ESA's), and fund private school facilities.

Before State officials embarked on the voucher venture, logic would dictate that some among them would have seriously researched the constitutionality of the scheme.

Now that the scheme is being challenged, State officials are appropriating millions to defend a blatantly unconstitutional debacle.