

**The private school voucher movement, past and present is ugly.**

**1. It pivots the public good to private pursuits**

The social contract is diminished or completely broken. This is ugly.

**2. It sabotages the 1954 Brown v Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision**

Economist Milton Friedman was promoting school vouchers when the Supreme Court ruled in Brown that education must be provided on equal terms in a common venue. Segregationists used vouchers to circumvent the court decision. Today, vouchers segregate students at public expense. Although more subtly, the effect is the same as when some southern states used vouchers to close the public school system. This is ugly.

**3. It swings a wrecking ball at the wall of separation of church and state**

Most private schools were established to promote a particular religious orientation. For various reasons, leaders of these private schools, over the years, have decided to demand the public treasury be tapped to subsidize these private religious ventures. The voucher demanders are blinded to the constitutional prohibitions by their selfish interests. This is ugly

**4. Vouchers do not live up to the promise of increased academic performance.**

In fact, voucher students do not perform as well as their peers in the public common school system. This is ugly.

**5. State spending on vouchers threatens stability of the state budget while diminishing funding to the common school system.**

Recently the Speaker of the House stated that the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan could not be sustained. However, nothing was said regarding the sustainability of the runaway voucher scheme. This is ugly.

**6. It Conflicts with the will of a majority of citizens.**

In no state have citizens passed a statewide ballot issue to fund vouchers with tax funds.

In a nutshell, Vouchers Hurt Ohio!