

What will the Ohio education landscape look like if the school privatizers prevail?

The public common school system will become the social welfare education program serving primarily the severely economically disadvantaged students and those with disabilities. Due to the market forces and the lack of political influence of the constituency, this entity will be horrifically underfunded. The politically powerful will direct school funding primarily to privatization venues.

Most of the “average students” will be served in the traditional private schools. These schools will expand student capacity due to the flood of public funds lapping at their doorsteps.

Another slice of the student population will be attracted to a new genus of private schools that start up to promote various political, ideological and religious views, some of which will be on the fringe of the social order.

Still another slice of students will be “educated” in structureless situations that are cleverly designed to receive tax dollars for personal use instead of bona fide education.

Tax dollars for education will be mostly unaccountable and non-transparent. Public funds for education will be largely wasted.

For a majority of students, education will be of inferior quality. The social and economic order will be in disarray. The standard of living will diminish.

But possibly some “Thomas Jeffersons” and “Horace Manns” in the future will rise up and start a movement to establish a “common school system” for all the children of all the people.