

Article VI, section 3 of the Ohio Constitution: “Provision shall be made by law for the organization, administration and control of the public school system of the state supported by public funds...”

Article VI, section 3, adopted in 1912, set in motion a master plan to bring organizational order and efficiency to the state’s public school system.

In early 1900, there were ten thousand one-room schools and three thousand school districts. By 1976, these districts were reorganized into 617 school districts. The elected State Board of Education had been in place for 2 decades providing leadership for the local school communities. Now, five decades later, the education landscape is in organizational disarray with charter schools, voucher schools, homeschooling and non-chartered, nonpublic schools. (In some cases, no schooling at all.) Additionally, the State Board of Education has been neutered.

This disassembling of public education into tax-supported private education, charter schools along with common schools is contrary to Article VI, section 3.

It is inefficient, ineffective, and chaotic.