

An Introduction to Vouchers in Ohio by Susie Kaeser, Education Specialist, League of Women Voters.

The [attached survey](#) of the Ohio voucher terrain by Susie Kaeser provides a ready reference on the Ohio voucher programs. Readers may wish to run off a copy for reading at their leisure.

Two paragraphs on page 6 are striking:

EdChoice spending prioritizes a small part of the school aged population in a few Ohio counties over more than 1.5 million children attending public schools that are available in every Ohio community. When public, private and charter school enrollment are compared for students residing in the same county, there are 75 counties where between 90% and 100% of students in that county attends a public school. Widespread access to private schools exists in only about 10 urban counties.

Taxpayers from almost every Ohio county are funding an opportunity that is not available to them and that harms the public schools that they rely on. This is especially true for rural residents for whom their public schools are the only option, the center of community life, a major employer, a stabilizing institution, and a valued resource for services that are not otherwise available. They are the cornerstone of the community.

In addition to the EdChoice voucher program being unconstitutional, there is so much wrong with it!

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