

Students in charter schools and voucher students in private schools don't perform any better than their peers in school districts. Even so, privatization legislators and other privatization advocates continue their campaign to defund the traditional public school system.

Privatization of education is not about improved educational opportunities and outcomes. It is about privatization for the sake of privatization. Privatizers seem to eschew the common good and democracy, both of which are fueled by the public common school.

Typically, private schools do not enroll children with disabilities and those who are steeped in poverty. Private school students do not have the advantage of due process and other guaranteed rights and protections.

Why does the Ohio Governor's budget proposal substantially increase funding for privatized schools (privates and charters) and decrease funding for school districts when private entities do not improve educational outcomes and opportunities? Why the lower priority for the public common school?

Why did the Speaker of the House say the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding plan is not "sustainable"?

Why is the Chair of the Education Committee in the Ohio Senate saying he will put forward his own school funding plan? (This Chair once referred to the public school system as socialism and thus touted that the public system should be privatized.)

Why is the U.S. Executive branch of government attempting to ditch the U.S. Department of Education and promoting privatized education venues?

The answers to the above questions lead to one conclusion: The privatizers are bent on the elimination public education.

The folks—the hard-working and publicly-minded citizens who are committed to fairness, justice and equity—must mobilize to require elected officials in Ohio to obey the Ohio Constitution, particularly Article VI, section 2.