

EdChoice voucher impact on one selected Ohio school district

1. A total of 863 students enrolled in the public school district according to ODEW website
2. 589 resident students are on vouchers, 570 or 97% of which are not low-income qualified students
3. 50% of the public school students in the district are on free or reduced price lunch. (As indicated above 97% of the vouchers are going to families who are not low-income qualified.)

The design of the current Ohio EdChoice voucher scheme is to mostly subsidize the private choice of the more affluent, while defunding the school districts. Who is guilty with regard to this chicanery? Ohio politicians. Yes, Ohio politicians. Most assuredly this Injustice exists because elected officials most often do not serve the public; the public serves them.

Where is the outrage? The Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools. Ohio has sufficient tax resources to fund a thorough and efficient system of common schools, but politicians have chosen to flitter away funds to an unaccountable and nontransparent array of private schools. When will Ohioans come to the conclusion that enough is enough?