

**The Federal Administration's push for vouchers and the dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education will expand the voucher footprint in Ohio.**

The federal level push for vouchers will add revenue on top of the Ohio revenue-rich voucher schemes. What Washington saves by cutting U.S. Department of Education operations will pale in contrast to what Washington will appropriate for vouchers. When funding for education is sent to Ohio without program-specific regulations and requirements, the voucher-oriented state administration and legislature will scheme to direct the flow of federal dollars to privatization programs; vouchers, education savings accounts (ESA's), and other anti-public education dreams will materialize.

The Governor Voinovich Cleveland Voucher Initiative in the 1990's opened a can of worms that will continue Ohio's trajectory to education decadence via privatization.