

A phone call from a private school parent asking for assistance to deal with a private school principal.

A person called the Coalition office a few days ago asking for assistance with her situation wherein the private school principal informed her that she was no longer allowed on the private school campus. Her children were still enrolled as voucher students; hence the children were welcome to stay in the private school.

This parent made it clear that she supports the EdChoice voucher program but wanted help in this conflict with the principal. (She is also of the same faith as the private school leadership.)

It is important to know that voucher students and their parents give up many rights when they attend private schools on vouchers. The so-called “right to choose a private school education” can be fraught with peril.

The voucher scheme really does hurt Ohio. It hurts public schools. It hurts private schools.

Taxpayers are starting to demand accountability and transparency.

How do vouchers hurt private schools? Private schools are started and maintained by a particular community of folks who want their children to be educated in accord with a particular belief, faith or philosophy. As more and more tax money is thrust into the private school sector, regulations and control by the state will be demanded. At some point private schools, due to state regulations, become a mirror image of public schools, which of course defeats the purpose of private school establishment.