

**EdChoice vouchers are about shifting wealth to the wealthy more so than education.**

Vouchers do not improve educational opportunities. The Ohio EdChoice voucher scheme is not linked to improved educational opportunities. Research has dispelled the myth that vouchers improve educational opportunities.

Voucher advocates in the early 1990's hoodwinked Ohioans into believing that vouchers would put poor kids living in high poverty school districts into high performing private schools. The original voucher advocates in Ohio, following the report of Governor George Voinovich's Parent Choice Committee report, should have understood that the report recommended that every school district provide vouchers to every student. At that time vouchers were grossly unpopular. Hence the original voucher legislation targeted Cleveland (i.e) forced Cleveland to pay from its own budget the cost of each voucher issued.

The goal of the pro-voucher crowd was, in part, accomplished by the universal voucher law. The undeniable goal of the voucher cohort is the complete privatization of public education, except for a public program for those with disabilities and those living in stark poverty. Their companion goal is to shift the education resources toward the affluent. As one outspoken voucher-doting Ohio legislator defending universal vouchers said—it is about time affluent folks get some of their tax money back.

The EdChoice voucher scheme is designed to shift the tax funds for education ventures from the poor to the rich. This is a mean-spirited movement by those who control Ohio government. So much for the voucher originators' pleas of rescuing poor kids from poverty districts!