

Constituent-supported private schools have a great record of service in the U.S. and deserve great admiration. The question now is, “Who should pay?”

While passing a traditional, well-maintained private school on the way to the office last week my thoughts turned to admiration for those who sacrificed to make the school happen. It is notable that so many fellow citizens are so devoted to a cause, whether religious or secular, that they will make sacrifices for the cause. My personal faith has always motivated me to make sacrifices. That is my personal birthright. It would be illogical for me to expect my neighbors and fellow citizens to subsidize my commitment to my faith.

Most religious schools are faith specific. It is illogical to request tax support for one's own personal faith.

Those who are challenging the EdChoice voucher program in court are not opposed to private schools. Those on the front lines of the EdChoice voucher litigation have a high regard for those who support their own private school. The constitutional challenge to the EdChoice voucher program is not a challenge or rebuke of private school. The challenge is to requiring taxpayers to fund a parent's private choice to not educate their own children in the constitutionally-required common school system.