

As a taxpayer, I, or my elected representative, should have a role in the governance of the private schools that accept vouchers, student transportation services, auxiliary services, and nonpublic administrative cost reimbursements.

The idea of taxation without representation was challenged very early in the history of the United States. If I am required to pay taxes to support private school education, government should establish a way for me to be represented in how the private schools spend the tax money. At the local level, one's Board of Education budgets and spends funds. These board members were elected by the school district patrons to represent me. How am I represented in private schools which receive tax funds? I am not being represented! The general public should be represented in private school governance in the same proportion as the tax funds received to the total budget. Private schools that receive public money should share governance with publicly elected board members and be subject to public audit.