

Lessons learned at the State Fair booth.

The Coalition/VHO staffed a booth at the Ohio State Fair to share with Ohioans information about the state's EdChoice voucher program. A feature of the booth activities was giving children (and older folks) an opportunity to post the name of their favorite teacher on a board. Nearly 600 did so.

What did we learn from Ohioans?

1. Many Ohioans are not aware that Ohio taxpayers fund private school vouchers.
2. Many Ohioans are not aware that Ohio taxpayers provide more than \$250 million annually for nonpublic administrative cost reimbursement and auxiliary services, and that school districts spend an estimated \$75 million to transport private school students.
3. Many Ohioans who paid tuition to private schools in the past believe that those who choose private education should bear all the cost of doing so.
4. A high percentage of Ohioans who know about the high priority state officials put on funding EdChoice vouchers and other private education perks are outraged.
5. A small percentage of Ohioans believe they are entitled to have their Ohio neighbors pay for the choice they make to send their kids to private schools.