

Fordham Institute rants against the court decision that Ohio's EdChoice voucher scheme is unconstitutional in July 18, blustery diatribe entitled, Leftist judge tramples on parental rights, school choice in Buckeye State.

The title of the Fordham rant, "Leftist judge tramples on parental rights, school choice in Buckeye State" tells Fordham's whole spiel regarding the matter.

Leftist judges: The author of this bluster attempts to discredit the Judge's decision by giving her a label intended to prejudice a large slice of the population.

Parental rights: The Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state and forbids any sect, religious or secular, to control any part of the school funds (Article VI, section 2). There is nothing in the Ohio Constitution that requires or permits public funding of private education. Parents have the right to opt out of the public common school system, but the state is not permitted to pay for a parent's choice of a private education.

School choice: Yes, parents have a right to school choice but have no right to require their neighbors to pay for that private choice.