

Columbus City School District is in the process of budget cuts to the tune of \$50 million. Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan would have eliminated much of the affliction.

The Columbus Board of Education is in the process of cutting \$50 million from its annual budget. Such items as transportation for some students and 445 teaching and staff positions are on the chopping block. Had the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan been fully implemented, Columbus School district would have received \$48 million more funding; instead, under the current funding package, Columbus received \$25 million less.

What is the takeaway from this scenario? Low-income kids in Columbus School District are losing educational programs and opportunities while more affluent kids get vouchers to attend private schools. Who is responsible for this nefarious state of affairs? Ask your State Senator and House Representative why vouchers were expanded and fully funded while public school students were unconstitutionally underfunded. Don't accept a flim-flam response. Press the issue.