

Feedback from January 6 Vouchers Hurt Ohio Tuesday morning communication.

A reader of the January 6 VHO communication responded:

I'm very hopeful that the funding of private schools with public money ends. Thank you for fighting the good fight. I am a Christian and hold my faith dearly to me AND I am a huge supporter of public schools and want them to continue. If a family chooses to go to have their children in a private school, then the family can pay for it or seek support from others. Our taxes are to support public schools. Thank you!

This message expresses the view of most Ohioans. If a family determines that a private education is the best venue, they should be willing to pay for it. The Ohio Constitution guarantees Ohio children an education via the public common school system. The law allows parents to opt out of the public system at their own expense. This arrangement worked well in America for nearly 200 years. It is atrocious that state officials in Ohio have not positively responded to a 1997 Ohio Supreme Court decision that public school funding in Ohio is unconstitutional; instead, they have provided EdChoice vouchers to every student to enroll in a private school.

The situation in a nutshell is that millionaires in Ohio are getting vouchers and public school children in many school districts are deprived of a thorough and efficient system of education as required by the Constitution.