

**Recently introduced HB643 would deny private school vouchers to families with annual incomes of more than \$500,000**

Currently there is no income ceiling for EdChoice voucher eligibility in Ohio. The wealthiest families in Ohio are eligible for EdChoice vouchers for their school age children. There are about a dozen billionaires in Ohio who are eligible if they have school age children.

Typically, a low-income family will not be able to afford the difference between the tuition rate and the voucher amount; hence, vouchers are being used by mostly higher income folks unless the private school has a very low tuition rate. One has to question the quality of education offered by private schools with extremely low tuition rates.

Now to the efficacy of [HB643](#). Less than 2% of Ohio families have an annual income of over \$500,000. It is doubtful that there are very many vouchers going to families in the above \$500,000 income range. Hence, the bill will have virtually no effect on reducing the cost of vouchers to Ohio taxpayers. At best this is just cosmetic—like putting lipstick on a pig.

Nonetheless, if this bill is given hearings, it might call broad attention to the egregious nature of the universal EdChoice Voucher scheme.