

A warning to private schools that take vouchers: What the government funds, the government runs.

Private schools typically are organized and maintained because the organizers and operators wish to provide programs, services, and opportunities for students that are not provided or cannot be provided in the public school setting. Private school operators and advocates resist as many government regulations and red tape as possible, so as to be able to control their own mission; otherwise, they lose their reason for existence.

As private schools depend more and more on “government” funds, the public will demand greater public accountability and transparency; thus, these schools will become a mirror image of “government” schools. The other option will be for the private school to go out of business.

What government funds, government runs. Some private schools may want to consider joining the EdChoice voucher litigation effort.