

State elected officials in Ohio, consistent with the Constitution of Ohio and Ohio law, resisted appropriating public funds for private schools until 1965: Conclusions and warnings to voucher zealots (Part 11)

EdChoice vouchers are unconstitutional. A majority of Ohioans oppose taking state funds away from school districts to subsidize affluent folks whose kids have never attended public schools. The original talking point for school vouchers was that poor kids enrolled in poverty-stricken school districts would have the opportunity to attend a private school. With the advent of the universal voucher scheme, which has precipitated higher tuition rates in most private schools, private school attendance is out of financial reach for poor kids. Additionally, students on vouchers in private schools perform less well academically than their peers in the public schools.

Many private schools are depending on EdChoice voucher funds to the point that they will become bankrupt when voucher funds are eliminated. The Ohio Constitution cannot be successfully construed to authorize EdChoice vouchers; hence when State funds are cut off, many private schools will not be in the position to continue operation. The voucher zealots will thus be responsible for the demise of a large segment of the private school industry.

In statewide elections on the voucher question in several states, vouchers have never been approved. Voucher zealous politicians have forced vouchers on taxpayers in many states via clever legislation maneuvers. However, public opinion will eventually eliminate the voucher scheme. Private school operators that use school vouchers beware!