

**In the 1930s John W. Bricker, a conservative Republican, as Attorney General in Ohio issued an opinion that private schools are not eligible for public tax money (PART 1).**

John W. Bricker served as an Ohio Governor, U.S. Senator and in various other public offices in Ohio. He served as Attorney General in Ohio in the early 1930s. As Attorney General he was asked by B.O. Skinner, State Director of Education (Superintendent of Public Instruction), the question, "Will you kindly define for us the term 'public school'?" The reason Skinner asked the question is because "various organizations are asking for funds with which to conduct their schools, these organizations being in control of certain religious groups."

Bricker's response was: "No authority exists for the use of public funds for the support or maintenance of any other class of schools...".

Future posts will delve into Bricker's explanation of the opinion.