

**Since 1991, some state officials have unsuccessfully threatened to punish school districts for joining the Coalition's effort to protect school funding and eliminate EdChoice vouchers. Any such legislative tactic would be a major political liability to any legislator that would participate in such a dunce-like tactic.**

A healthy majority of each school district's patrons support their local public schools. The public school districts have been under wholesale attack by a few highly vocal state and federal school choice politicians who have leveled unwarranted attacks on the public system. These mostly unjustifiable assaults have resulted in state and federal legislation that have been detrimental to student learning and the image of traditional public education.

School districts have survived, and in most cases thrived, which is a testament to the efficacy of the concept of public schooling. Most Americans understand the nexus between public schooling and political democracy and thus support the system.

For 35 years the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding has received numerous threats and challenges from nefarious politicians. The Coalition has been threatened and scrutinized; but never been found in violation of wrongdoing of any kind.

Districts need not be concerned about state-level threats. There has never been a finding leveled at the Coalition or any district for paying dues to the Coalition during the 35-year history of the Coalition.