

I, William L. Phillis, appreciate private education at private expense and public education at public expense.

All three of my children attended private higher education for at least one academic year. I chose to pay the freight at the private institution.

I have served on a private college board and a private K-12 board. I believe in private education at total private expense.

The public common school is totally a different matter. I completely and unequivocally support the common school system at public expense—open to all and at no cost to any student.

The common school is absolutely essential to our form of government in which political power is vested in the people.

A segment of our nation's population, particularly some multi-billionaires, does not support democracy, and thus is bent on privatizing public education as a means of destroying democracy.

These super-wealthy folks know that well-educated folks can't be controlled; thus, their strategy is to leave most children behind without the means or disposition toward self-government.

The result of the EdChoice voucher scheme is that children in public common schools are left behind.