

State defendants are powerless to prove that the EdChoice voucher plan passes constitutional muster: Part 1

Regarding the oral arguments before the 10th District Court of Appeals, a Cleveland Plain Dealer editorial dubbed the state's defense of the EdChoice voucher program as "embarrassing". How could the state's defense of this program be otherwise?

The state defendants have employed consultants to misconstrue the state's constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools. The state's consultants are paid to reframe both the history of school funding and the clearly defined state responsibility to secure one thorough and efficient system of common schools in Ohio.

The universal EdChoice voucher system is taking billions of dollars out of the state treasury that should be allocated to the constitutionally-required public common school system. The state defendants look absurd as they try to defend the legislature's EdChoice voucher scheme.

The state's school funding system was declared unconstitutional three decades ago and it remains unconstitutional today. The EdChoice voucher system has made it impossible for the state to perfect a constitutional system of school funding.

A series of posts that explain the absurdity of the EdChoice voucher scheme and the state's bottom line responsibility for adequate school funding will be posted over the next few days.