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Economist Milton Friedman, in the 1950s, advocated that government fund education but have no role in administering education. Friedman discussed the matter in his 1955 paper, The Role of Government in Education. The EdChoice voucher litigation is destined to end Ohio's EdChoice voucher scheme.

Although Friedman advocated government funding of education in the 1950s, near the end of his life in the early 2000s he suggested to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that parents should provide for the education of their children. Of course, Friedman's voucher plan and then full parental responsibility for education is contradictory to the education provisions in the Northwest Ordinance of 1785 and 1787, the 1802 Constitution of Ohio, and the current Ohio Constitution

President Reagan was a devotee of Friedman's economic philosophy and thus advocated for a school voucher system.

In the 1990s Governor George Voinovich got the voucher train on track toward a voucher for every student, contrary to Article VI, section 2 and Article I, section 7 of the Ohio Constitution. The EdChoice voucher litigation will end the EdChoice voucher scheme in Ohio.

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