

Subject: **AMEND EDCHOICE NOW**

I strongly urge you to amend Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship before February 1st. Please support the following:

- Use the state report card overall building grade for EdChoice determination and keep buildings earning an A, B or C off the voucher list.
- Reverse HB166 budget language and require that EdChoice applicants attend a public school in the year prior to applying.
- Keep voucher income eligibility at 200% of the federal poverty level.

While the school choice movement was grounded in a desire to make things better for some of Ohio's poorest children, today's EdChoice Scholarship drains resources from highly-effective public schools and diverts scarce education funding to private schools - regardless of family income or the quality of the school their child may attend. This "choice" disenfranchises voters since it removes accountability for public money from locally-elected boards of education.

Wyoming City Schools only receives \$2,998 per pupil in state funding, while the EdChoice scholarship schools will receive \$4,650 or \$6,000 per pupil with the difference paid by Wyoming taxpayers. This is especially egregious considering that the Wyoming City School District rated an "A" on the state report card and private schools are not subjected to the same state testing as public school students even though they are receiving public funds.

Every public school student in Ohio is counting on you! Public funds should not be used to fund private education!

Sincerely,

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