

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you as to show our support for the Ed Choice Program. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the meetings and hearings you have down in Columbus.

I am sure you are getting many emails at this time, and I'm not sure if you even have the time to read each one. But if you are- thank you for taking the time to do so.

To keep things simple, we thank you for EdChoice, without it, I feel as though our family would have up and moved out of Toledo when our children came of age to attend school. Our assigned public school has been failing for sometime, and regardless of the academic grade, the school itself is known in our neighborhood (which the school resides in) as rough around the edges. . As a family of 5 on one income, we would not be able to afford the cost of 3 in private, so we would have chosen to move away. Many amazing families are in the same situation, and it seems are also looking to move away out of state.

It would be sad to see you end Ed Choice, and to see the results which would be many many schools closing up. It would be sad to see hard working families leave Ohio. We think the only solution to you eliminating Ed Choice is to then give the school taxes back to the families who need it and they can then in turn choose which school to give the funds to.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

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