

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, I am writing you in support of the current Ohio EdChoice Program. I have been so thankful to access this benefit for the past 8 years. I have three children, Lauryn in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kenley 1<sup>st</sup> grade and now Trinity, who will be entering kindergarten. Both Lauryn and Kenley use the EdChoice Voucher because the school in my City, of Euclid, Ohio are failing and not a good fit for my daughters. As both a parent and Licensed Social Worker for the State of Ohio, I realize the important of a good education. I have been hearing that the State of Ohio is looking to possibly change the system. If that happens and I can no longer get the vouchers – there is absolutely no way that I can continue sending my children to their respective schools. Therefore, I will be uprooting them from the nurturing/quality education they currently have and putting them in a school that has not been their foundation. Also, my 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter, Trinity will be forced to be separated from her siblings and be put into the public (inadequate) school, while the other 2 were provided a good education at Saints Robert and William Catholic School. As a mother, there is absolutely no way I can allow that to happen. I have been losing sleep and stressed about the future of the EdChoice Program in Ohio. If I have to separate my children.....the worst case scenario....I will abandon my home (that I own) – and find somewhere with a more suitable school district with my children. I will uproot my family and abandon everything – because that is how IMPORTANT this issue is to me. Please, please, please.....I beg of you to consider the numerous families such as myself and my children that will be affected by changes with the EdChoice Program.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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