

EdChoice is so important to our family, neighborhood and city. We have three children that would have been shipped around to different failing schools here in Columbus. Our children have attended our Columbus City School where our children did NOT receive a quality education, struggled with inexperienced teaching staff, overcrowded classrooms, lacked of differentiated instruction, exposure to poor student behavior, and ostracized by classmates for positive classroom behavior and ethnicity.

Because of the EdChoice Scholarship, our children were able to attend stay with each other and attend a private school. My husband and I put the education of our children first because we believe that well educated children become leaders in their community. Receiving the EdChoice Scholarship meant that our family could stay in our middle-class neighborhood. I believe that the Miller family staying in our neighborhood is not only good for our family, but also Columbus. We are a good, moral family that belongs to the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts in our community. We provide stability to our neighborhood and support our local businesses. Our children get to grow up and share in the diversity of our neighborhood. Our children are learning tolerance and love for all people and cultures. If we did not receive the EdChoice Scholarship, moving to a suburb for a better education would have been a possible alternative. Being able to stay in our neighborhood is not only good for our children and family, but also our neighborhood and city. The EdChoice program is good for cities, neighborhoods and all the people living in them.

I strongly encourage you to represent your constituents and continue to fund the EdChoice Scholarship programs as they are until our failing schools can remedy their issues to provide our children with the Free and Appropriate Public Education they are entitled to.

The Miller family is counting on you!