

To whom it may concern,

My son has been able to benefit from the Ed Choice Scholarship/voucher for the past 3 years. He is currently a 2nd grader at Shepherd Christian School. This scholarship has provided us the opportunity to send my son to a school where I know where he will thrive, where he can get one on one attention and where I know the values that I try to instill him at home will be carried over during his school day.

We are assigned to the Columbus City School district, where schools have consistently failed. I feel that having to send my child to this school district will not result in the attention that all children deserve in the classroom or meet my child's needs. Why should my child be penalized based on where he lives? Why should my child be pulled out of the only school that he knows? A school that understands him and helps him to grow both academically and spiritually?

We will not meet the income qualification if the scholarship changes to income based only. However my school system is still failing. But it's possible that someone else in my same district will now get a better opportunity of sending their child elsewhere because they can meet the income requirements? How is that fair?

I've read of different scenarios that are a possible outcome, one of those being existing children in the program will still be honored, what happens in 2 years when my daughter is ready for Kindergarten? Will I have to separate my children?

I am asking that you really consider the outcome that this is going to have on the kids. I am asking that you consider the fact that the problem is within the failing school districts and not with the families that just want to do what is right for their children.

With regards,

Britani Austin

Sent from my iPhone