

Dear Committee,

My daughter is a kindergartener at SS. Philip and James School in Canal Fulton, Ohio. She is a current recipient of the Ohio Ed Choice Scholarship. I am a single mother and I chose this school and wonderful opportunity for Brooke because I believe it is a better atmosphere to learn than the public school where we reside. My daughter has anxiety and sensory issues that make it difficult for her to thrive in an over stimulating atmosphere. The classrooms sizes and more individualized education she is receiving at SS Philip and James has helped to facilitate emotional and educational growth that I feel she would not have gained in our public school. I feel less worried about her safety at this smaller private school. The more firm and disciplined structure increases her academic achievement. We have become friends with many of the families at her school and Brooke feels a sense of safety, friendship and familiarity. If she loses this scholarship, it will be extremely hard on her to leave her school home. This will negatively impact not only her education but her mental health. As I stated before, I am a single mother and also I am being treated for a serious illness. There is no way I can afford to pay her tuition and greatly appreciate the scholarship. Please continue this for her. Forcing her to attend public schools would be very disappointing and surely a bump in the progress in her education. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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