

Dear Elected Officials,

I am sending this not just as a Ohio taxpayer or a active voter but most of all a parent of three wonderful, polite, kind and smart young men. My wife and I made a decision to move to Seven Hills after I was a lifelong resident of Parma, Ohio and a graduate of Valley Forge High School. We always talked about when we had children of moving to a city where the school district was highly rated. My wife fell in love with our home when she found it driving in Seven Hills. We made the decision before we had kids on how we wanted to educate them. Our plan was to send them to catholic grade school to get their stepping stones, if you will, with our Catholic faith. We then planned on sending them to public high school, which would be Normandy high School in Parma. When it came time to make the decision for our eldest son, the Parma school system was up in arms. There was lots of talk of Normandy closing and the kids would be thrown into an over populated Parma Senior High. If Normandy didn't close, rumors surrounding it were that they were cutting all extra curricular activities. This put us in a very bad spot! To make a long story short, we made the decision to send our son to a private high school for two reasons one as a parent we know our children best and what type of education they would excel in and chaos surrounding the under performing Parma city schools. Fast forward 2 years later, it is now time to make a decision on where to send our twin boys to high school We were struggling with the decision because we really cant afford to send 3 kids to private schools. So do we pull our junior out of the private school and send him to Normandy along with his brothers, which would not be fair to him, because he is thriving there. We want to be be fair to all our children and is it fair to keep him there and send our twins to Normandy??? It has been a moral dilemma for us as parents. When the new list came out in November, we couldn't have been more excited. Normandy was on the list. The world was lifted off our shoulders now that we didn't have to make such a life changing decision. All our boys will be able to go to private school and be together. Now fast forward three and half months later, after telling our sons that they will be going to Holy Name and having them apply and take the placement test, we are being told that we are not getting the Edchoice scholarship! You can't even imagine the devastation we feel as parents. The stress is overwhelming, like our life is on hold and the fate of our sons. We live and breath any bit of information we are getting about the hearings. its all consuming and taking a toll on our health and well being!