

Hello,

I am writing to support continuing the Edchoice voucher for my children to attend Padua Franciscan High School. They went through 11 years at a catholic grade school in Cleveland and we were not eligible to receive the Cleveland Voucher because we live in Parma Heights. I have always worked extra as a single mother to give my children the best education possible. When it came to choosing a high school, I knew that the public high schools in my area, which are Valley Forge and Parma high school were underperforming and talks are to combine and close the schools. I worked much overtime for my son to attend Padua his Freshman year. Of course financial aide sees it as I make too much money. I can't catch a break, until this year when my son qualified for the Edchoice voucher. I cried tears of joy knowing I could sleep a little easier because my financial burden was lightened. My daughter has just been accepted into Padua for the upcoming school year. Now, the sleepless nights are back worrying about if I can work much more overtime to provide my children with an education they deserve. I am in a catch 22. I work more so my income shows more and I don't qualify for financial aide, or I don't make enough and my children have to attend an underperforming school with the possibility of closing. Please, keep the Edchoice voucher for Padua and for the parents of Parma Heights that are trying their best to provide a top education for their children.

Thank you,
Jennifer Hakey