

I am Kevin Jud, I am the Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Hamilton.

My four children all graduated from eighth grade at Immanuel Lutheran School and went on to the Hamilton City Schools for grades 9-12. Three of them have graduated and my youngest is a sophomore. I could have chosen other schools and paid tuition, but we chose Hamilton Freshman School and Hamilton High School, however, things are changing in a concerning way. There is a new agenda moving more and more into public education.

Coastal elites have an ever-evolving social, political and moral agenda for America. This agenda is being pushed into universities and is filtering into the high schools, middle and elementary schools. Political, social and moral agendas are being pushed in the classroom. Families need the choice as to whether or not they want their child to be subject to these agendas. Education is compulsory but new agendas should not be compulsory. There needs to be a choice as to what is taught and at what age. Private and parochial schools offer an alternative that families can choose if they so desire. The wealthy have always had this option. Ohio is wise enough to have expanded this option to low income students as well. Having the option to choose an alternative to the public schools will also hopefully help check the slide to adopt the ever new agendas of the coastal elites.

At Immanuel Lutheran School we have a mom who is a single parent with five children. By utilizing EdChoice expansion vouchers she had the freedom to choose what school her children attend. Her family became a part of our family at Immanuel Lutheran School. We are able to assist her in being the best mom she can be and help her when needed.

As part of our school family there is love and care for each other beyond the classroom. We are able to visit sick students and family members in the hospital, help with housing and utility payments, provide food and fuel and a place to stay when needed.

We serve students from all walks of life in Hamilton and with the EdChoice program more families are able to exercise their right to choose the best school for their children. I thank you for doing the right thing and giving all families the ability to choose.

Thank you.

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