

Hello. My name is Candace Winterbauer and I am a mother of three children. We live in Norwood, OH and my oldest two are in kindergarten and preschool at Williams Avenue Elementary school. I attended private catholic schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade and continued that education through Jesuit universities for college and graduate school. My husband and I chose to send our children to Norwood City Schools because we want to support our community and the public schools in Norwood. I support sb 89 because it addresses some of the inequalities that the ed choice voucher program created, namely, moving the financial burden away from public schools. sb 89 will allow families to continue to have the choice to support public schools. It is a strength of the state of Ohio and this country that families can choose the best school for their child to grow and learn. Education is a shared goal of private and public schools. The ed choice voucher program brought a divide between these educators and is forcing them to turn on each other. This is not how we build a strong community. sb 89 helps to bring private and public schools together rather than making them compete for money. sb 89 allows parents to have a choice in where they want to send their children to be educated. Taking money away from public schools and giving it to private institutions crosses many lines but, in the end, it will take away our choice of where we can send our children to school.