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Mission Statement



Wooster Christian School believes in partnering with the home and church to build a solid spiritual foundation in each student through a Christ-centered education.



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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the EdChoice program and to voice my concerns about the proposed changes to the program.

I have seen first hand how the EdChoice scholarship, both traditional and expansion, has positively impacted the lives of students and families who have benefited from it. As a principal at a provider school, I have seen students blossom academically as well as grow socially as a result of their parents being able to choose an environment that best fits the student's educational needs. In some cases, students benefit from a smaller student to teacher ratio, getting the much needed attention they needed to be successful academically. In other cases, students are flourishing because the learning environment is a better fit for them.

Our school believes strongly that we are partners with parents in education. Empowering parents to choose where they send their child is essential to the parent having an active role in their child's education. EdChoice has historically given parents options for their kid's education.

The timing of the recent changes has been problematic as we are now in the middle of what would have been the application window. With paperwork and timelines already published, schools and families were making plans. In some cases, this is the primary time of year when enrollment decisions are made. Also, all the uneasiness of the current unknown status of the program makes it hard for anyone to plan.

I firmly believe that all current scholarship recipients must be given the opportunity to renew their scholarship, preferably under the same program they are currently in. If students are to be moved to income based scholarship, money should be appropriated so that the overall number of scholarships is not affected. No current scholarship recipient should lose their scholarship!

I believe there is power in both arms of the scholarship as they remove different barriers to students and families having access to the best educational fits for them. I am grateful to the state of Ohio for putting these programs in place and am encouraged by the positive impact they have had on so many students.

As you consider changes to EdChoice program, I would ask that you prioritize what is best for students and families by protecting current scholarship recipients first and foremost and then continuing to provide school choice options for Ohio families.

Sincerely,

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