18 February 2020

For the attention of Don Jones, Chairman, Ohio House Education Committee:

Dear Mr. Jones,

My name is Barry Richard, I just finished ten years on the Oberlin School Board. I do not support the diversion of public tax dollars, especially those approved at the local level, to support private schools.

Nevertheless, due to the make-up of the Ohio legislature, I am a realist. Therefore, given the alternatives, I support the House amended version of SB 89, whereby payments made to parents are based on income and funded from a line item in the Ohio Budget, vs. being deducted from local school districts.

Compromise is important. Moreover, as much as I am fundamentally against public money going to private schools, the amended version of SB 89 is a big improvement over what we currently have.

Sincerely,

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