

## Written Testimony for Ed Voucher System

As an intervention specialist for the Parma City School District, I am concerned with the EdChoice Voucher System proposal.

First, the current system is flawed in that vouchers are given to students enrolled in failing schools. A school should not be considered failing based upon a single test score for each student. If I gave grades to my students based on a single test score within a marking period, there would be many students who would fail.

Second, the voucher system continues to drain public funds away from about 90% of the students in the public school system. Our country formed public schools to ensure all students have an opportunity to get a free public education. Vouchers are undermining this system by channeling funds to for-profit institutions leaving the burden on taxpayers to make up the difference. School districts with high poverty rates cannot afford to pass the needed levies. Finally, these for-profit institutions are not held to the same standards as the public school system leaving the public with a skewed view of their performance.

I support Senate Bill 89 as passed by the House because it moves toward awarding new vouchers based on family income and it would fund those vouchers by the state rather than deducting aid from our public schools.

Sincerely,

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