

Educational Choice (Ed Choice) in Ohio helps children. It aids children collectively, but more importantly, Ed Choice programs help the individual child. I have been an educator for over 20 years, serving in public and private schools located in inner cities, affluent suburbs, and rural communities. **Throughout my career as** a teacher, coach, building administrator, Assistant Superintendent, and now as a university professor, I have been guided by one philosophy “do right by the individual child.”

Impactful education requires teachers to customize instruction to meet the needs of the individual child. Ed Choice opens the door for parents to enroll their children in the school that best serves their **child's** needs. As all children are unique, so too, are all schools. Schools offer different programs, cultures, and experiences. Some children thrive in large districts with a plethora of course offerings and extra-curricular activities, just the same others flourish in small schools in which everybody knows their name.

**The** Ed Choice **program** provides hope to families. Ed Choice allows parents to find the right fit for their child. The academic and social opportunities provided by Ed Choice should not be limited to accidents of birth and geography, but rather should be a right afforded to all Ohio children.

Ed Choice has made Ohio a better place by making individual Ohioans better. In a perfect world, every student would have their own Individual Education Plan (IEP). While each child having their own IEP is neither affordable nor feasible, Ed Choice provides the next best thing. Ed Choice allows families to choose the school that best meets their child's unique requirements.

I implore you to expand Ed Choice opportunities for Ohio's children. I asked you to do right by the individual child.

Thank you,

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