

**Hello Fellow Ohioans.**

**I am David Desser. I have been on several boards including the Westside Montessori School Board and Toledo Early College High School Board which is operated by Toledo Public Schools.**

**What is a public school?.....**

**My wife and I reside in Perrysburg township and we have 5 children, ages 16 to 27. They have attended Perrysburg Public Schools, Penta County Vocational, Rossford Public, St Johns High School, Notre Dame High School, West Side Montessori, Eagle Academy here in Oregon and Quaker Digital Academy.**

**What is a Public School?..... F rated C rated community (charter) school**

**When I was young, I attended a high school for 2 years with 140 people in my class, and then, due to moving, I attended a high school with 996 in my class. For some students, a larger school may be best, but for others, a much smaller school might create the environment they can do best in and have the opportunity to participate in extracurriculars.**

**School choice is very important. As a father for 5 different children, each one of them had different best outcomes and therefore different schools offered different opportunities for each of my children.**

**Can a school meet the needs of every child? Zachary story's Elizabeth's story**

**Can a school meet the needs of every child? And who decides this;**

**the Public School district via not allowing any choice, or can the parents decide and get a Scholarship because of HB 11.**

**Passage of HB 11 or the Backpack Bill will allow people to choose what school fits each of their children the best, regardless of where they live in Ohio or how much they earned last year.**

**We want what is best for children.**

**We want what's best for the taxpayer,**

**Current community school funding saves taxpayers money. And incidentally create more funding per student in the Traditional Public schools as they keep all their local tax dollars even though some of the students in their territories go elsewhere.**

**As a side note, currently there is no funding to open Community schools.**