

Hello,

My name is Genevieve Mills. My children attend a Columbus City School and we are proud members of our public school community.

I'm writing today to ask that the Education Committee take a critical look at Governor DeWine's proposed budget. As it stands, our public schools continue to be underfunded and under attack. The Governor's proposed budget will mean a loss of funds to our essential public schools and the work they do preparing our children for the future. Meanwhile, this same budget INCREASES funding for public school vouchers and puts money into the pockets of for-profit individuals and institutions.

From my perspective and those of other parents in our system, it appears that there is an intentional and malicious mandate to disable our public school systems, then point to the fact that they are struggling, and then offer other "alternatives" in the form of vouchers and charter schools that have little regulation. Is that the plan? Is the Ohio government actively working to destroy our public school systems?

Strong public education is the cornerstone of an educated populace. We should be finding ways to increase support and funding, so that we can ensure an educated and strong electorate.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to being able to say "our government truly values public education."

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