

**Hello Chairwoman O'Brien, members of the committee and fellow Ohioans.**

**I am David Desser. 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 and Quaker Digital Academy.**

**I have been on several boards including the Westside Montessori School Board and Toledo Early College High School Board.**

**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.**

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

**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 parent decide and get a Scholarship because of SB 11? Should people at the Public school decide for my children, or should the parents decide? For example, an elementary teacher spends about 15 minutes per day per student, and a high school teacher, 2 minutes per day per student. A school counselor only has a few hours per year per student. And many of the people working at a public school do not have multiple experiences with different approaches to education, they can only teach in the method of the district. What qualifies them to decide to limit the opportunities to find the best fit to educate my children?**

**Passage of SB 11 Scholarship 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 do not want to protect an educational monopoly in Ohio.**

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

**not the people earning a living by forcing parents to patronize the school district they happen to work at.**

**When does not having choices result in better outcomes?**

**Encouraging Homeschooling is also a good idea. As an employer for 4 decades, I have employed thousands of people ages 16 and up. We have a much higher success rate with the home schooled children over the traditional schooled**

**children. They are generally more mature and self motivated. Home schooling gives parents choices that might not be available in their community.**

**Thank You for working towards this goal with SB 11 Scholarships.**