



Hi my name is _____ and I am a resident in _____.

I'm writing to you because it is critical that our school district joins the Vouchers Hurt Ohio lawsuit.

Our school district and all public schools are losing money to the private school voucher program. In the two-year state budget, more than \$1.5 billion in public tax dollars will go to pay for private school EdChoice vouchers.

The lawsuit is stronger than ever, with a historic decision from Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judge Jaiza Page ruling that the EdChoice private school voucher program is unconstitutional - affirming what we have known all along.

Vouchers are unconstitutional on three counts as follows:

1. **Vouchers created a separate and unequal system of schools,** one for the haves and one for the have nots. The Ohio Constitution is clear: one system of common schools open to all children for the common good.
2. **State not funding public schools and over-reliance on property taxes.** As the state shifts billions of our tax dollars to private school operators, we are either going to have to reduce school services or pass more local levies.
3. **The Ohio Constitution and our framers were crystal clear: no tax dollars to religious schools.** The Ohio Constitution states "...no religious or other sect, or sects, shall ever have any exclusive right to, or control of, any part of the school funds of this state."

It will cost our school district just \$2 per pupil per year and that is a pittance compared to the costs we will bear if private school vouchers continue to expand. Did you know the legislature now wants to give tax dollars to private schools for buildings? Where does it stop?

As a public school leader you have the power and the responsibility to protect our schools, protect our public school children and protect taxpayers like me.

Your community, your neighbors are depending on you.

Thank you,

