

We need your help!

The Ed Choice Scholarship Program

The following is a brief history and review of the EdChoice Scholarship Program that is offered by the State of Ohio:

“Ohio provides scholarships (also known as vouchers) for students to attend private schools or service providers parents choose to best meet their child’s educational needs. Scholarships are available to students attending low-performing public schools, to low income students, and to students with learning disabilities.

The EdChoice Scholarship program has been available since 2005. The program provides students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating chartered nonpublic schools.”

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/Historical-Information>

How does this affect Communion of Saints School?

The EdChoice Scholarship program provides *partial* funding to *help* cover the school’s tuition. Thus, taxpayers have affordable options to the public-school system.

State leadership has acted to delay the opening of the Traditional EdChoice application window until April 1, 2020. Typically, that window would have opened on February 1, 2020. This delay in the application process is disastrous for everyone, parents and schools, both public and private, who cannot plan adequately, not knowing whether families will receive funding.

In addition, the fate of EdChoice funding is being determined. There is some question as to whether the program will continue with the process of using the public-school performance as a determining factor. This funding as it is currently allocated allows many families to afford a Catholic education not only at Communion of Saints School, but at Catholic high schools as well.

Parishioners, please stay engaged in the struggle to protect school choice for Ohio families. Those families who may be affected by the EdChoice decision should consider exploring legal action at the following link:

http://www.ccv.org/edchoice/?vermeid=cERbwHM66kK7uEiRpXLCA&vermiid=F_60Wvhk7UiYTr6-J8ERUQ

That effort is being led by Citizens for Community Values, a faith-based organization that runs the Ohio Christian Education Network (OCEN), an advocacy organization that has been a leader in the effort to protect school choice. They have been leaders and tremendous partners in this effort.

Please consider contacting the following representatives to express support for continued Ed Choice funding using the current guidelines:

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