

# The Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding

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Kenneth Schmiesing  
Celina City School District  
585 E. Livingston Street  
Celina, OH 45822

June 15, 2022

Dear Superintendent Kenneth Schmiesing,

Thank you for your support of the Vouchers Hurt Ohio initiative of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding. The litigation is off to a great start. The Complaint with five compelling claims was filed January 4. Within a few days after the case was filed, two groups: Institute for Justice and the Catholic Family Applicants filed a motion to intervene in the Plaintiff's case. On March 30 Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Jaiza Page had a hearing on the motions to intervene. Judge Page's ruling permitted the groups to intervene, but limited their involvement so as not to slow down the litigation process.

Since the Coalition took on the task to coordinate the effort to challenge the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher scheme in court, a total of 120 districts have joined the Coalition's VHO initiative (\$2 per student annually).

It is now time to renew membership for FY2023. The enclosed invoice is enclosed for your convenience.

The effort to eliminate the EdChoice voucher scheme is an uphill battle, but the Coalition is well-positioned to win. The Steering Committee is comprised of outstanding board members, superintendents, and treasurers. The lead attorney, Mark Wallach is a seasoned attorney with 46 years' experience as a litigator. Two accomplished expert witnesses, Professor Derek Black and Dr. Joseph Verducci are on board.

You can be assured that the investment in this litigation will ultimately shift state resources back to school districts from the choice programs.

Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience.

You may wish to direct any questions and/or comments to William L. Phillis, 614.332.2886 or [ohioeanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ohioeanda@sbcglobal.net).

Sincerely,

*Cathy Johnson*  
Cathy Johnson  
Temporary Chair  
Board Member, Southwestern City Schools

*Bill Phillis*  
William L. Phillis  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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Steering Committee: Cathy Johnson | Jill Ackerman | Monte Bainter | Vaughn Bell | Linda Blum | Eric Brown | A.J. Calderone | T.C. Chappellear | Mike Collins | Walter Davis | Steve Dyer | Dan Heintz | Nneka Jackson | Lori Snyder-Lowe | Craig McKendry | Joel Parker | Tom Perkins | Eric Resnick | Jocelyn Rhynard | Robert Smith | Ginny Stewart | Andrew Wilson | Charles Wilson | Donna Wilson | Richard Vilardo, *Ex-Officio* | Executive Director: William L. Phillis, 614.332.2886 |

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## DUES INVOICE: FISCAL YEAR 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

To: \_\_\_\_\_ School District

### DUES FOR ANNUAL COALITION MEMBERSHIP PLUS ANNUAL EDCHOICE VOUCHER LITIGATION DUES

Most recent report card enrollment \* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please Initial Here That Report Card Enrollment Is Being Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed\*\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*The TOTAL amount of dues paid for FY23 should not exceed \$2 per pupil

Please Mail Payment To:

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