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Dear Superintendent Britton,

Thank you for your support of the EdChoice voucher litigation. The current state budget process makes clear that the intention of the leadership of the General Assembly is to, over time, abandon the public common school system financially and otherwise. The refusal to support the Cupp/Patterson Fair School Funding Plan, the confiscation of school district treasury balances, and a plethora of other punitive assaults on school districts, combined with the exponential expansion of the education privatization measures, verifies the critical need to continue to support the EdChoice voucher litigation. The escalation in the cost of the EdChoice voucher scheme and proposed new education privatization initiatives robs school districts of critical fiscal resources.

The voucher case is moving forward in a deliberate manner in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. We are currently awaiting a ruling on the Motions for Summary Judgment, pursuant to the April 28 and 29 hearings. We are optimistic that the court will set a trial date soon after ruling on Summary Judgment is issued.

Continuance of a viable public common school system is predicated on reversing the flow of state tax funds from the public to private sector. Hence, the EdChoice voucher litigation relates to the preservation of the public common school.

Your ongoing support is sorely needed. You may address questions or comments to either of us.

Sincerely,

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