Charter School Monster

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Allen County — Charter \$ Out-FY 2015

- Lima City SD \$2,894,572
- Elida LSD \$1,019,644
- Shawnee LSD \$449,412
- Bath LSD \$307,420

Inside the Numbers-Elida

- Spending per pupil \$7,948 rank 600/609
- State revenue per pupil \$3,556 rank 465/609
- Charter School transfer amount \$6,632 per student
- Local tax dollars flowing out per charter school student \$3,076

Why are we capped?

- FY 13-17 \$4,884,964
- State cannot fund the formula
- Increases ballot attempts

Charter dollars flowing out of Elida

- FY 02 \$26,634
- FY 03 \$114,280
- FY 04 \$151,623
- FY 05 \$570,074
- FY 06 \$543,103
- FY 07 \$555,752
- FY 08 \$564,250
- FY 09 \$644,817

- FY 10 \$736,794
- FY 11 \$732,465
- FY 12 \$664,260
- FY 13 \$686,313
- FY 14 \$796,177
- FY 15 \$1,019,644
- FY 16 \$965,532
- Tot=\$8,771,718

Local Tax Dollars Flowing Out

- = \$8,777,252 X . 40 = \$3,510,900
- Are the schools performing well?
- Are we represented at the table?
- Do charters have to run levies?
- Is this a great tax policy?

Where are the M&M's ??

- Public Purpose
- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Legal vs Politically Connected

Tiers of Fraud

- Data rigging on student enrollment
- False business transactions
- Heavy money to politicians
- Heavy money to foreign countries

Concerns

- Elida sends ECOT \$183,625 (annually)
- (Local tax \$ = \$73,450)
- ECOT sends \$1,300,000 to politicians
- Graduation Rate 35%
- Large advertising contracts
- \$88,370,050 from Ohio schools in 2013
- NY Times "more students drop out of ECOT or fail to finish high school than any other school in the country"

ECOT - Data

- Files restraining order to block audit
- Collected \$902,973,481 without regard to time on task(\$722,378,785 refund needed????)
- High praise from State Auditor??
- Money to legislators: Grossman \$54,342, Buchy \$44,076, Kunze \$33,043, Amstutz \$32,532, Hite \$29,155
- Speaker of House at ECOT graduation

Concerns

- Elida sends Ohio Virtual Academy \$171,990
- OVA is a subsidiary of K12
- K12 was founded by junk bond dealer Michael Milken
- 75% of K12 schools fail to meet AYP
- K12 CEO salary 2015 \$5.33 million
- K12 CFO salary 2015 \$3.6 million

Concerns

- Fethullah Gulen
- 19 Charter Schools in Ohio
- (collect \$14,366,000 per year)
- Worth \$25 billion
- Uses Ohio charter schools to fund Turkish uprising(Muslim)
- Turkish Coup- Summer 2016

Questions that need addressed?

- How long will the fraud go on?
- How long will the data rigging on enrollment go on?
- How long will the shady business practices be allowed?
- How long will the large political contributions be allowed?
- How long will resources flow out of Ohio?
- How long will the double standards exist for Ohio schools?
- Where is the accountability/fiduciary responsibility?

Resources could fund:

- Preschool
- Cancer research
- Roads
- College Credit Plus
- Bridges
- Capped districts
- Mentor program for kids



