



CURRENT ISSUES FACING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN GREATER CINCINNATI

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Teachers: Tax breaks cost CPS millions

Abatement agreement is at heart of discussion

Kate Murphy
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK



The teachers union is asking council for four changes:

- Increase annual payments from the city to CPS from \$5 million to "an amount that will cover CPS's lost revenue from current abatements."
- Limit new abatements to struggling neighborhoods that need new investment.

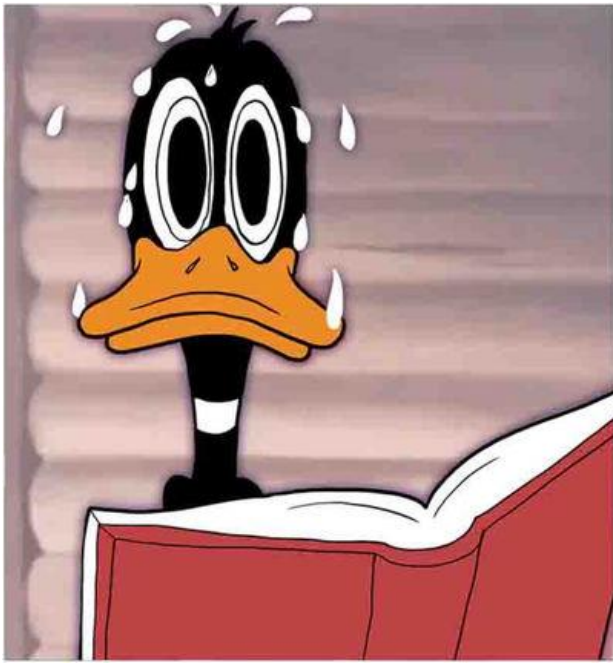
TAX BILL	
Assessed Value	TOTAL TAX
140.51	17,735.93

Teachers' union says the city's history of tax abatements... Cincinnati schools. FILE PHOTO



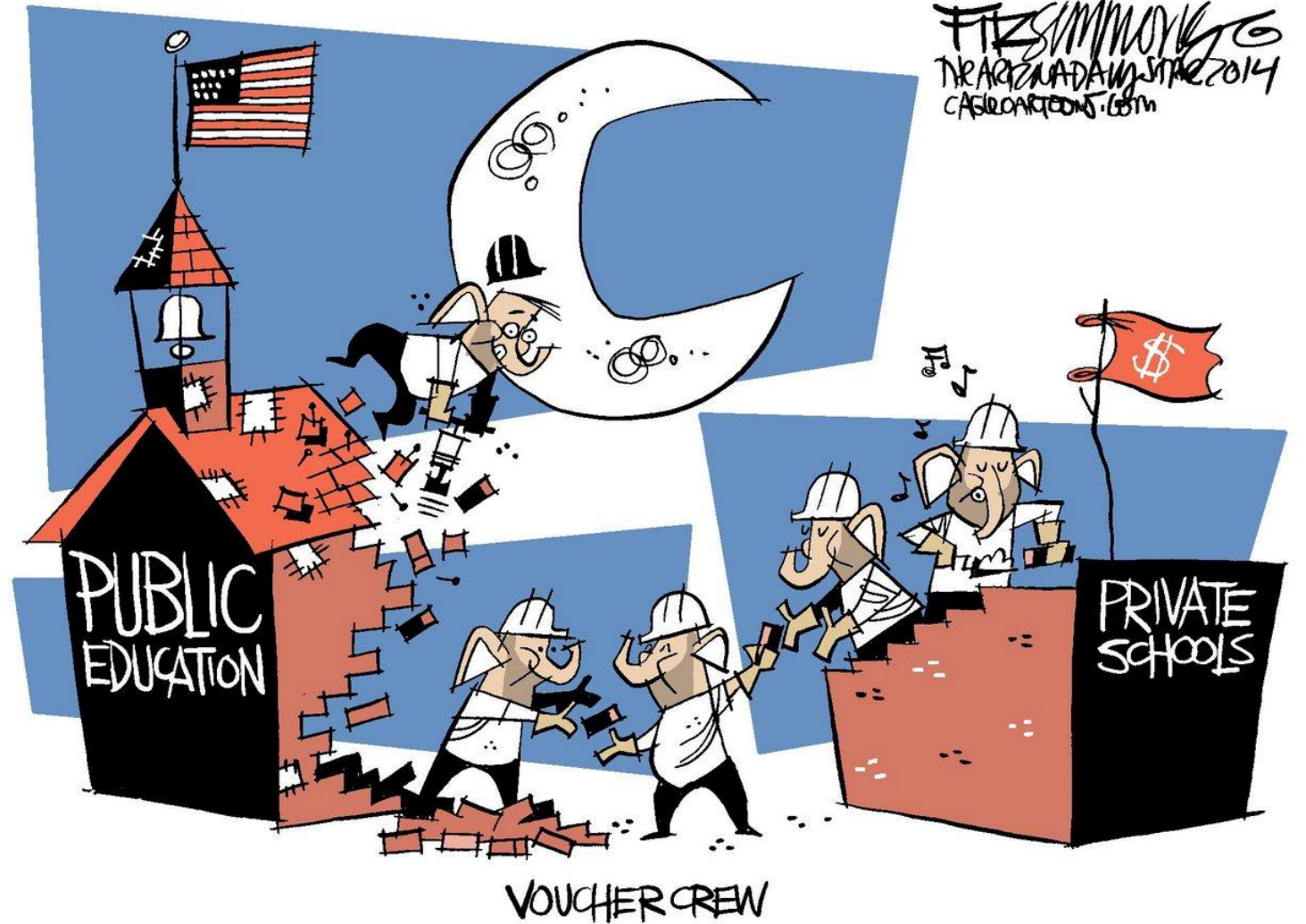
LOCAL ISSUES:

- ∞ CPS Leadership
- ∞ Property Tax Increases
- ∞ 2025 School Levy, Preschool Promise
- ∞ Commercial Tax Abatement Re-Negotiation



STATE ISSUES:

- ∞ Republican Super-Majority
- ∞ Lame Duck Legislation
- ∞ School Funding Formula, EdChoice Universal Vouchers
- ∞ PUBLIC \$\$ to PRIVATE SECTOR Schools with Limited Accountability





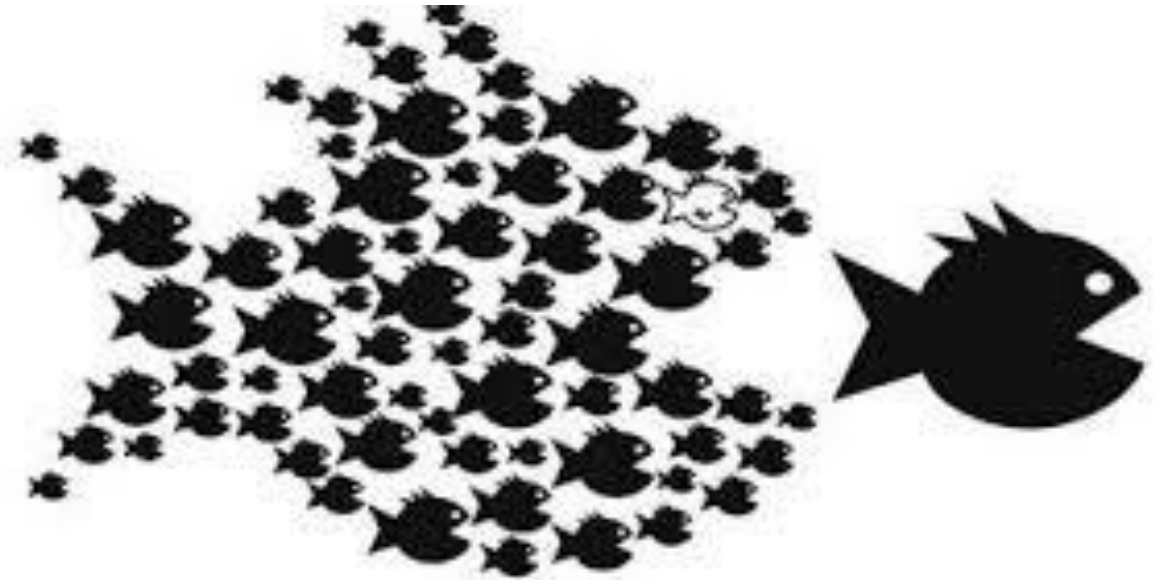
FEDERAL ISSUES:

- ∞ Republican Super-Majority
- ∞ Devolution – Education Block Grants
- ∞ Title Funding Cuts
- ∞ Dept of Ed – McMahon, Dept of Govt. Efficiency – Musk and Ramaswamy



WHAT TO DO?

∞ Don't Panic... Organize!



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