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## School Legislation Update

Spring 2023

**School Choice:** There is an abundance of school legislation happening, both in Ohio and nationally. The biggest changes are around school choice. The concept of school choice is allowing parents to use tax-funded education dollars to find the best educational fit for their child. Instead of the school being assigned based on the child's address, school choice allows parents to pick the school and move tax dollars to the school actually educating their student. School choice advocates say that allowing parents to choose the school will introduce more accountability and competition in

K-12 education, which will increase quality while also decreasing cost.

- Americans overwhelmingly want school choice in education – by a margin of 72% to 18% according to the American Federation for Children.
- School choice research shows that the competition has benefits for students who stay in traditional public schools as well as those who use the funding to go elsewhere.

At Heritage, we believe that God gives the wisdom to parents as to which

educational environment is best for their children, and we support school choice. Nationally, this has been a big year for school choice. In 2023, multiple states have passed universal school choice options for all children.

Ohio currently has two pieces of school choice legislation in the Ohio House (BH 11, the “Backpack Bill”) and in the Senate (SB11.) Currently these bills are being discussed in committee. These bills would make school choice available to all students.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**Know Someone Already Eligible for a Scholarship?** Today, half of Ohio children are eligible for a scholarship to go to a private school free or at less cost. But very few parents know they have free choices! All children in Ohio with a family income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Limit (Ex.: \$75,000 for a family of 4) can receive a scholarship and this is likely to increase. There are also district based scholarships that aren't related to income at all, but are for children who live in a district where the public schools are not performing as well as Ohio would

like. For example, most children who live in the Canton City School district can get a scholarship to attend a private school! All IEP students can also qualify for the Jon Peterson Scholarship.

Most parents are NOT aware that they have school choice options! For Stark County students, parents can call our office for more information at 330-452-8271 Ext. 300. Or, parents can find out more information on the School Choice Ohio website at [schoio.org](http://schoio.org)

<sup>1</sup> Caroline M. Hoxby, “School Choice and School Productivity. Could school choice be a tide that lifts all boats?” in *The Economics of School Choice*, ed. Caroline M. Hoxby (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2003), 287–341; David N. Figlio, Cassandra M. D. Hart, and Krzysztof Karbownik, “Effects of Scaling Up Private School Choice Programs on Public School Students” (CESifo Working Paper No. 9056, Munich, 2021); and Anna J. Egalite, “The Competitive Effects of the Louisiana Scholarship Program on Public School Performance” (Program on Education Policy and Governance Working Paper 14-05, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, 2014).

## We're Hiring!

Know someone who loves Jesus and loves children? Heritage is currently hiring in several areas below.

Qualified candidates can review our job postings on Indeed.com, or can email a resume to [hr@hscanton.org](mailto:hr@hscanton.org)

- **Middle School Teachers**
- **Preschool Lead Teachers (Ages 3 or 4)**
- **Classroom Aides**
- **Substitutes (classroom or other areas like Café)**

## Teacher Matching Grant

Recently, The Christ Foundation provided Heritage Christian School with a unique and generous way to help supplement our teachers' salaries through a matching grant. Through 2025, all donations received through this program will be matched by The Christ Foundation dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$50,000 each year.

Dedicated teachers at Heritage Christian School pour more than 1,200 hours each year into nearly 270 students in preschool through grade 8. Each is committed to our mission to provide a life-changing education experience grounded in Christian val-

ues, academic excellence and family.

Your tax-deductible contribution, along with The Christ Foundation match, will be a double blessing for our teachers! If you would like to donate, please go to [HCSTeachers.com](https://HCSTeachers.com) or mail your check to:

Heritage Christian School  
Teacher Match  
2107 Sixth St. SW  
Canton, Ohio 44706

Questions? Call Todd Bentzel, Director of Development at 330-452-8271 Ext. 318

## Raise Craze

During the month of May, Heritage Christian School students have been giving back to their community by performing "Acts of Kindness" through Raise Craze. Through this program, each class selects a project to help or thank others. Here are this year's Acts of Kindness:

Preschool – Thank You Cards to Heritage Christian School support staff

Kindergarten- Cards to adults with disabilities, firefighters and police

1st Grade- Baking cookies for local firefighters and local park clean-up

2nd Grade- Work day at the school

3rd Grade- Cards for nursing home residents

4th Grade- Letters to those in the military and veterans

5th Grade- Making fleece blankets for breast cancer patients

6th Grade- Greeting and prayer cards for nursing home residents

7th Grade- Flower arrangements for nursing home residents

8th Grade- Cleaning at a local church

Please join us in celebrating these acts of community service by our students. If you would like to make a do-



nation in recognition of their accomplishments, please send it to: Heritage Christian School, 2107 Sixth St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706. All donations received will be allocated to the Auditorium Remodel Project.

## Does Your Child Qualify for \$1,000 in ACE Funds?

Ohio started a new opportunity for parents with children in grades one through 12. The Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) educational savings account provides \$1,000 for each student each year to use on various enrichment and educational

activities including tutoring, camps, music lessons, field trips and more. Families with an income at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Limit can apply! (Ex: \$111,000 for a family of four.) Heritage Christian School is offering a variety of ACE eligible pro-

grams and tutoring now and through this summer. You don't need to be a HCS student to attend these extra programs! Find out more information at <https://www.heritagechristian-school.org/ace>



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community?

Heritage Christian School is seeking volunteers for the following areas:

- Cafeteria
- Recess Monitoring
- STEM Room Assistance
- Fundraising Projects
- Teacher Assistant
- Office Assistant
- Web Input
- Public Relations
- Maintenance
- Tutoring
- School Board

If you would like to serve in any of these roles, please contact the school at 330-452-8271 Ext. 318 or at [tbentzel@heritagechristianschool.org](mailto:tbentzel@heritagechristianschool.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, June 10th from 11:00-1:30 - Free Community Day at the school featuring music, food, and many fun family activities

Friday, September 8th @ 8:30 - Annual Conquerors Golf Scramble Fundraiser at Raintree Golf Course

For more information, call: 330-452-8271 Ext. 318

- Have a blessed and safe summer!



*Rob Walker*

Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Rob Walker. Rob, who has served as a faithful volunteer at Heritage Christian School since 2019, was raised on a farm near Massillon. A graduate of Washington High School and Ohio State University, Rob was employed for forty years at New Life Center in Des Moines, Iowa. There he worked with inner city children and refugees from all over the world.

As a volunteer at Heritage Christian School, Rob serves as a math tutor for grades 1

through 7 and mentors a group of young men. It is quite common to see Rob in a classroom with a group of engaged students listening intently as he helps them with their studies. In addition, Rob finds time to help with maintenance issues at the building. When asked how volunteering at the school has impacted his life, Rob indicated that it has "given me fulfillment in retirement." He went on to say that he has "developed new friendships with teachers and staff at Heritage." He particularly loves being able to pray for and with our students and share Biblical principles with them. For Rob, volunteering at Heritage Christian School is a family affair. His wife, Donna, is also a dedicated volunteer at the school! In his free time, Rob enjoys bike riding, fishing, and gardening.

Heritage Christian School salutes Rob Walker. We thank him for the many hours that he pours into our students.





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## We Are Enrolling NOW for Next Year!

Looking for teaching you can trust? Heritage Christian School has been educating students for more than 50 years right here in Stark County! We provide a life changing education experience for children from preschool through grade eight. Most children qualify for a **FREE** tuition scholarship! Families choose Heritage Christian because we offer:

- Loving family environment and individualized instruction
- Higher test scores than area schools
- Free busing for many districts
- Free breakfast and lunch to all students
- Bible-based teaching
- Specials including art, music, and Spanish
- Sports, clubs and fun activities
- Before-school, after-school, and summer programs and childcare

**ENROLL NOW**

Visit [heritagechristianschool.org](http://heritagechristianschool.org) or call 330-452-8271 to schedule a tour!