



Ohio Attorney General Takes Orders From Teachers' Union

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Attorney General Mark Dann's attack against three low-performing charter schools in impoverished neighborhoods was actually a crafty deal between Dann and Ohio's largest teachers' union according to press reports.

Public records obtained by the *Columbus Dispatch* indicate that Dann's legal strategy of suing the charters under the state's charitable-trust laws came at the suggestion of an attorney representing the teachers' union.

The Ohio Education Association, which filed suit against the state in March in an attempt to close down charter schools, agreed to drop the suit as soon as Dann promised to aggressively pursue closing down charter schools. The settlement came just one day prior to Dann filing the first of his three lawsuits against the Dayton charters - saving the union a costly legal battle they were likely to lose, and advancing Dann's political agenda on the taxpayers' dime.

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