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Superintendents

of Nonreservation Schools.

Gentlemen: Under the present regulations of the Indian Office each nonreservation school is assigned a specific territory from which to collect pupils; and it has been the custom at this time of the year to call for estimates from each school of the amount of money deemed necessary for the collection of pupils and their transportation to and from the school during the coming fiscal year. Thus the disbursement of money on account of "collection and transportation of pupils" is left practically to the direction of the superintendents in whose schools the pupils are enrolled.

An extended trial of the present system of collections and transfers convinces me that it does not meet existing conditions. Therefore, all regulations of the Indian Office pertaining to the assignment of territory for each school, and the authority, or custom under which Superintendents have been sending collecting agents into their assigned territories for the purpose of procuring pupils, are hereby abrogated; and hereafter no collecting agent shall canvas any territory in the interest of a nonreservation school.

Indian parents living on a reservation who desire to send their children to a nonreservation school may do so, making application to the Indian Agent, or Superintendent in charge of the Agency, and designating the school of their choice. Indians not living on a reservation will correspond directly with the Superintendent of the school in which they wish to place their children.

All Agents, and Superintendents in charge of Agencies, will be charged with the duty of arranging for such transfers, from their reservations to nonreservation schools as the parents request, under the rules relating thereto, and will be required to submit proper vouchers for all expenditures incident to the transportation of such pupils. Under no circumstances will an expenditure be allowed in the accounts of any non-reservation school, Superintendent or any employee or other representative detailed by him to collect children or take them to school, or for the transportation of any child sent to the school from any reservation after the receipt

of these instructions.

The transportation of eligible pupils coming to the school from homes not on a reservation will be reported and paid as heretofore by the Superintendents of the schools which they enter. When necessary to return pupils to their homes by reason of sickness, expulsion, graduation, expiration of time or other cause, the facts and reasons should be set forth to the Office and authority asked for the expenditure, and when authorized the amount necessarily used will be paid in the customary manner. If an escort is required in any instance, the fact and reasons should be submitted when authority is asked for the other expenditures.

There will be no objection to correspondence with Agents and Reservation Superintendents for the purpose of presenting the merits of your schools and enlisting their aid in obtaining pupils; or to the liberal circulation of advertising matter setting forth the attractions of your buildings, grounds, course and methods of instructions, etc. Where parents desire to send their children to some non-reservation school, but leave the selection to the the agent or Superintendent, he will use his discretion, taking into consideration in such cases climatic conditions, distance, ages of pupils, expense of transportation, and character of industries taught at the various schools; but if the selection of the school is not expressly left to him, he will send the children to the school which the parents designated.

Before enrolling the children of Indians not living on a reservation, or making any expenditure with a view to their enrollment, every Superintendent must assure himself that they are eligible under the rules. The consent blank now in use must be properly filled in every case, except the "Voucher of Solicitor", which, of course, is not henceforward to be filled. In localities or under conditions where there is any doubt as to the value of the vouchers, you should require affidavits as to the degree of Indian blood, etc. This caution will be necessary for the reason that Superintendents will be held strictly accountable for any pupils found in their schools whose blood does not justify their enrollment, and such pupils will be sent home at the personal expense of the Superintendent enrolling them.

Acknowledge the receipt of this circular.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) F. E. LEUPP.