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## Washington Conference.

The following conclusions were submitted by the committee on Rules and Business at the conference of Superintendents, which was held at Washington, Dec. 6 to 10, and they were adopted as representing the judgment and conclusions of the conference:

1. That the total capacity of non-reservation schools be reduced by the abolishment of such schools as the Indian Office may designate; that the remaining schools should be better equipped for more efficient work. That no school shall have an average enrollment of over 500 pupils.

2. That the present law be amended eliminating the per capita allowance of \$187 per pupil, and that hereafter a lump sum be appropriated for each school specifically appropriated for.

3. That at the present time any great reduction in the number of reservation boarding-schools would be inadvisable, and that in the few cases where the abolishment of boarding schools is desirable, the plants of such schools be used as consolidated day schools similar to those now being organized in the progressive rural communities.

4. That the age limit for enrollment of reservation pupils in non-reservation schools should be made 12 years unless special permission is granted, and that reservation Superintendents be instructed to encourage the transfer of such pupils; that transfers be made on a basis of proximity and climate, except in the case of a few larger and specially equipped schools, which may recruit more generally.

5. That the Indian Office should prescribe a course of study and grades for each school and that a pupil enrolled in a non-reservation school be not permitted to enroll in another school until he has completed the course for that school, except with the permission of the Superintendent under whom enrolled.

That a course of study should be made to conform to that of the State in which the school is located, not omitting, but continuing to emphasize, industrial features.

6. That local Civil Service boards in the vicinity of Indian Schools and Agencies be constituted and authorized to hold such examinations as may be required to secure eligibles for positions in the Indian Service.

7. The Superintendents be author-