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To The Attorney General from his Assistant
Re: Payment of High School Funds to Towns

At a conference this forenoon between the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Auditor, and myself, touching the question of payment from the state treasury to towns, on account of high school funds, the following/^{which} has been agreed upon seems to harmonize the situation and provide for all financial needs under discussion.

We have agreed that the payment from the state treasury is to be made six months subsequent to the returns mentioned in R. S. Chapter 15, Section 65; in other words, by way of illustration, if returns are made under Section 65 on the 30th of June, 1907, then the payment from the state treasury should be subsequent to January 1st, 1908; and if returns are made December 30th, 1907, the payment from the state treasury should be subsequent to July 1st, 1908.

It is further agreed that, under this view of the law, manifestly the appropriation made for 1908 was designed to be applicable to the payment of the 1907 state aid, and, in turn, when the period arrives, the appropriation made for 1909 will be applicable to the 1908 aid, and so on.

As the proposition was originally presented to us the academy aid was not included but it did arise in the discussion and we have agreed that the same provisions apply to the payment of the academy aid as to the payment of the high school aid.

By this agreement and understanding the whole matter seems to be worked out harmoniously and we are certainly under great obligations to Messrs Smith and Hatch* for the valuable suggestions they have made and for the co-operation which relieves us of the question.

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