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June 2, 1916

To Hon. Payson Smith, State Superintendent of Public Schools
Re: Unexpended Balances of School Funds

Replying to yours of June 2, I am of the opinion that under existing law a city is required to carry forward unexpended balance of its school funds on the common school account on the basis of the total balance unexpended at the close of its fiscal year and that the fact that the law of 1915 did not become effective until July, 1915, would not in any way affect the question.

If the common school account at the close of the fiscal year ending February 26, 1916, in a given city shows an actual unexpended balance of \$12,455.48, that amount of money belongs to the common school fund and must be carried forward as part of such fund. No part of it can properly be expended for any other purpose than in the support of public schools.

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