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To Glenn W. Starkey, State Superintendent of Schools Re: Change in Location of High School, Chapter 16, Section 2, R. S.1916

. . You ask two separate questions: First, whether this section applies to free high schools established by a town, and, second, as to whether any change in location of a free high school established by a town may be made by vote of the town except upon the written recommendation of the superintending school committee.

Chapter 16, Section 82, provides that free high schools are subject to the laws relating to common schools so far as applicable except as otherwise provided. When established and maintained by a town they shall be under the supervision and entire management of the superintending school committee of such town. Accordingly, we advise you that if the free high school in question comes within that portion of Chapter 16, Section 82 which we have quoted, the provisions of Chapter 16, Section 2 would apply to such free high school and the written recommendation of the superintending school committee would be necessary for change of location. Not having the exact facts before us it is impossible for us to tell exactly whether the case you have in mind comes within the provisions of this law.

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