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To Hon. Augustus O. Thomas, State Superintendent of Public Schools
Re: Method for a Town to Take over an Academy

. . . . I am unable to find any statute in the State prescribing the method to be used by any town in taking over an academy and establishing it as a high school. Further, I am unable to find any statute prescribing the steps to be followed in establishing a free high school other than Chapter 16, Section 79, which does not apply here. Hence, I am unable to say whether the action of the town of Sebago in establishing a free high school was within the intent of the law. I see no reason, however, from the facts presented in your letter why the validity of their act should be questioned.

I see no reason under the statute why the state stipend can not be apportioned if the free high school started within the fiscal year for which the stipend provided in Chapter 26, Section 74. The free high school, of course, in order to receive the stipend must comply with the provisions of Chapter 16, Section 73.

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