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To Harry V. Gilson, Commissioner of Education

From Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

Blanket Tax Fund for Student Activities, Eastern State Normal School

Apparently I now have before me sufficient facts so that I can arrive at a conclusion in regard to proper disposition of the amount of \$397.27 which was the "student activity fee" covering some thirty school activities and organizations. It is apparent that this fee never became a part of the funds of the school. It was a collection made from the students to assist in carrying on certain activities, and the amount we have on hand is an excess over the cost of maintaining such activities. The school being no longer a going concern, the money belongs to those students who contributed it.

As a practical matter, it is impossible to determine just what individuals are owners of the fund. They are, however, either alumni of the school or the heirs or representatives of alumni. There is, we are informed, an active alumni association with a president and directors. Inasmuch as we are unable to determine to what particular individuals distribution of the money should be made, or in what amounts it should be made, it seems to me that the proper procedure will be to turn over this balance of \$397.27 to the Alumni Association of Eastern State Normal School, to be used for the benefit of its members in such manner as to the Association seems best.

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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cc: Hon. Almon B. Hodgkins, Bar Harbor
Mr. William D. Hall, Castine
cc: February 2, 1944 To:
Treasurer of State
State Auditor
Commissioner of Finance~~