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To Kermit S. Nickerson, Deputy Commissioner of Education  
Re: Children from Unorganized Territory attending Parochial Schools

We have your memo of September 12, 1956, in which you ask for an opinion with respect to the payment of board and tuition for children living in unorganized territory and attending parochial schools in other towns. You ask if your department has the authority to pay board or tuition or both for elementary school children from unorganized territory attending such parochial schools.

It is our opinion that tuition and board are allowed only where the pupil is sent to "a public elementary school in the state", who "shall be entitled to all privileges and benefits and be subject to the rules and regulations as children residing in the municipality to which they are sent." It is clear from such language that tuition and board cannot relate to a parochial school. See opinion of the Attorney General, May 23, 1946, page 103 of the 1945-46 Report.

James Glynn Frost  
Deputy Attorney General

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