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Transportation of Parochial Students in Farnington

This is in answer to your memorandum of February 3, 1962. You have inquired whether or not the Town of Farnington, if it votes to transport children to a private school, may legally enter into a contract with a school administrative district for the transportation of said children.

Since the contract will be between the school administrative district and the town for the transportation of the said children, I see no constitutional prohibition on the basis of use of public property to support a religious organization.

Whether or not the school administrative district would have legal authority to contract with the town for the transportation to a private school, this office cannot by law answer. The attorney for the school administrative district and the attorney for the Town of Farnington would be the proper sources of a legal opinion since this office cannot act as legal adviser to towns and school administrative districts.

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