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Department of
Public Instruction
Cache County.

Office of
J. L. McCarrey
County Superintendent of Public Schools,
Logan, Utah.

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Logan, Utah, June 2, 1906.

Dear Trustee:--

I am very much pleased with the results of the present school year in the various school districts of Cache County and feel that we have had a very successful year.

The health of the school children has been exceptionally good. It has not become necessary this year to close one of the schools on account of sickness, which is evidence that the trustees and teachers have been looking after the sanitary conditions of the schools.

The trustees are also to be complimented on the activity that they have manifested in regard to "Compulsory Attendance". Through your efforts many of the boys and girls have been brought into school and have been made to feel that they still have an opportunity to get an education. Through your efforts the "Total Attendance in Days of All Pupils Enrolled" has made a marked increase.

One of the largest classes in the history of our county was graduated from the Eighth grade this year, there being 132 successful candidates. Not only was there a large Eighth grade class, but the promotions throughout the various grades were very large. There will be at least 20% more pupils prepared to enter the eighth grade next fall than there was last September.

In order that you may be prepared to take care of these students and also get the very best teachers to be had, I suggest that you employ your teachers at once: as a number of the districts have already done.

The Agricultural College and the University of Utah will each hold a six weeks Summer ^{Attending} School commencing June 11th. A great many teachers are contemplating ^{attending} one of these schools during their vacation and I trust that you will encourage your teachers to attend, and show your appreciation of said attendance by giving them a small increase in salary. The teachers who attend summer school are under a heavy expense during the time that they are away from home and should be encouraged in their desire to keep abreast with the times. You will find that no money can be spent to better advantage than the few dollars allowed the teacher who attends summer school.

Just one more word to the trustees in regard to the buying of school apparatus. Beware of transient agents. In selecting your school supplies see that you are buying from reliable firms. Let every article that you buy be one that is up-to-date and useful in the school room, and not some antiquated apparatus that cannot be used. Hundreds of dollars are wasted each year in our county through the buying of poor apparatus.

With much appreciation for your past cooperation and anticipating your hearty support in the matters mentioned above,

I am,

Very respectfully,

J. L. McCarrey, County Supt.,

Logan, Utah.