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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. Dannelly,  
Treasurer, Otter School District,  
Discovery, Otter Creek, via  
Iktaret, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 14th instant addressed to you with respect to the allowance of funds for your school district for the ensuing year?

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their maintenance has made it necessary to reduce the estimates of the various school boards to the lowest possible figure for the ensuing year. In doing this the number of school children in each district has been taken into account as well as the conditions obtaining in each district.

The Governor has found it impossible to allow a seven months term for your district, and has therefore reduced it to five months, the same as last year.

The following figures will show you the changes made in the Board's estimates:

Teacher - 5 months @ \$175 per mo.	\$875.00
Janitor - 5    do    @    20    do	100.00
Seven cords of wood @ \$12.00 per cord	84.00
Lights .....	12.50
Books, &c.....	30.00
Incidentals .....	25.00
Total - - - - -	<u>\$1146.50</u>

When the Treasurer's Report for last year has been approved, a requisition will be made for the above amount, less such balance as may be on hand from the 1914-15 school year. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you for your information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 16, 1913.

15-3

Mrs. R. V. Johnston,  
Seward, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7th, with reference to securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska.

I note that you held a certificate in Washington State and taught there for seven years, and also taught one year in Alaska; that your Washington certificate has now expired and that the Alaska School regulations provide that a permit to teach in the schools of the Territory may be issued by the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction upon presentation of the certificate from some recognized normal school in any of the States; or failing this an examination will be required.

In view of this, I would suggest that you obtain a renewal of your Washington certificate and upon presentation of such, or of certificate to the effect that such license has been issued, a permit to teach will be issued to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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August 14, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Imelien Potellin,  
Treasurer Afognak School District,  
Afognak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant made upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, the Governor finds it necessary to reduce the estimates of the schools this year to the lowest possible amounts. The reductions made in the estimates of your Board are as follows:

Janitor, salary reduced to \$25 per month; total reduction \$45.  
School supplies reduced to \$100; amount of reduction, \$50.

When you have received the U. S. Treasury warrant for the funds asked for in the requisition of the 13th instant, kindly notify this office in writing, giving the date, number, and amount of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

August 16, 1914.

14-1

Mr. John H. Sarvola,  
Treasurer, Chichagof School District,  
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of your school board you are advised of the following changes which have been made by the Governor in the estimates of the board for the school year 1915-16:

Mattress, dresser, rug, and chair, aggregating \$37, disallowed, since the school law does not contemplate the furnishing of quarters for teachers.

Incidentals changed from \$50 to \$25.

Total reduction in estimates, \$62.00.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, it has been found necessary to reduce the estimates of the various boards wherever possible. The utmost economy must be exercised by all boards during the ensuing year, and treasurers should be very careful to keep within the instructions of this office in the matter of expenditures. Future accounts will be much more strictly examined than in the past.

A requisition will be made for funds for your school for 1915-16 as soon as the accounts for 1914-15 have been approved. Their approval awaits a reply from Mr. Freeburn relative to certain items therein which required further explanation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. O. A. Nelson, Treasurer,  
Chitina School District,  
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school for the ensuing school year. The net amount asked for is \$1405.50. When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the date, number, and amount thereof.

Two reductions were made in the estimates of your board. The item of "School supplies" was reduced from \$50 to \$25, and the item of "Incidentals" was reduced from \$45 to \$25; a total reduction of \$45.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, it has been necessary to trim the estimates at every point where it could be done without danger of crippling the efficiency of the schools. The utmost economy must be exercised by the boards in future, and treasurers should give careful heed to the instructions issued by this office with respect to expenditures.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. R. H. Pfaffle,  
Treasurer Council School District,  
Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of your Board you are advised of the following changes which have been made by the Governor in the estimates submitted for the school year 1915-16:

Under the head of "Repairs", an item of \$60 has been allowed for renewing boiler pipes, etc., while the other items, aggregating \$29.50 have been disallowed.

Under the head of "School supplies", the estimate of \$198.25 has been reduced to \$150.00 -- a reduction of \$48.25.

The total reduction in the estimates is \$77.75.

A requisition for funds for 1915-16 will be made as soon as the report of the treasurer for 1914-15 has been approved. A copy of the requisition will be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. In explanation of the reductions noted above it may be stated that owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, it has been found necessary to trim down all estimates wherever possible to do so. School treasurers must pay particular attention to economy and see that they follow very carefully the instructions issued by this office.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. J. H. Coker,  
Treasurer, Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Coker:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for your district for 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1295.52. When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number, date, and amount thereof.

It will be noted that the Board's estimate of \$400 for school supplies, books, etc., has been cut in half. The Craig district was allowed \$200 for supplies, \$250 for desks, etc., and \$50 for incidentals, last year; the Governor therefore deems the estimate of \$400 for 1915-16 as entirely too high, and out of all proportion to the estimates of other schools of similar size.

No amount has been asked for in the requisition to cover the construction of a school building, but \$150 has been included for rent. Recent letters to members of the Board on the subject of an allowance for building purposes explained that situation quite fully, and no further action will be taken until replies thereto have been received.

The estimates of practically all school boards have been reduced by the Governor, this being found necessary on account of the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support. Extreme economy should be exercised, and school treasurers should be very careful to see that all expenditures come within the provisions of the regulations issued by this office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis,  
Treasurer Garden Island School District,  
Graciel, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant, covering funds for your district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1992.00. When the Treasury warrant reaches you, kindly advise the date of receipt, and give the number and amount of the warrant.

The following changes have been made in the estimates of your Board:

Janitor's salary cut from \$35 to \$25 per month.  
Incidentals cut from \$50 to \$25.  
Total reduction in estimates, \$115.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to reduce all estimates where at all possible to do so. The utmost economy must be observed by all boards, and treasurers should be careful to see that their expenditures come within the provisions of the regulations issued by this office. The accounts will be much more strictly scrutinized in the future than they have been in the past.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. H. Clark, Treasurer,  
Hope School District,  
Hope, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant for funds for your district for 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1279.19. When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the date, number, and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

You will note the "unexpended balance on hand from 1914-15" has been shown in the requisition as \$150.81. This is the amount on hand in the "general fund" -- that is, aside from the balance of the "building and equipment" fund, which latter balance this office has figured to be \$467.23. These two balances, added together, make the total of \$657.04 shown as on hand from 1914-15 in your report. The balance of \$467.23 in the "building and equipment" fund may be used to complete the building, etc., and should be separately accounted for by you when making up your report for 1915-16; that is, it should not be included with your accounting for the funds asked for under the requisition herewith enclosed. It must be understood, also, that the \$467.23 can only be used for "building and equipment" purposes. "Equipment" includes only such items as may be called "permanent", such as desks, seats, stoves, etc. The Board's estimate of \$490 for repairs, etc., must be taken care of out of the \$467.23 mentioned, and you will note it has not been covered by the requisition, which is simply for funds for the "maintenance" of the school.

The item of 16-2/3 cords of wood, \$150, has been changed to 16 cords, \$144, as you will note. No other changes have been made in your Board's estimates.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. D. H. Durkee,  
Treasurer Katalla School District,  
Katalla, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Durkee:

For the information of the members of your Board I give you herewith a memo of the changes which the Governor has made in your estimates for 1915-16:

Woods: changed from 15 to 12 cords, at \$10, . . . . \$120.00  
Incidentals: changed from \$30 to \$25.

Total reductions in estimates, \$35.

A requisition for funds for 1915-16 will be made as soon as your report for 1914-15 has been approved. A copy of the requisition will be mailed you.

The estimates of practically all boards have been reduced, some of them very materially, owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 16, 1918.

14-1

Mr. D. H. Durkee,  
Treasurer Katalla School District,  
Katalla, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Durkee:

For the information of the members of your Board I give you herewith a memo of the changes which the Governor has made in your estimates for 1918-19:

Woods: changed from 15 to 12 cords, at \$10, . . . . \$120.00  
Incidentals: changed from \$30 to \$25.

Total reductions in estimates, \$35.

A requisition for funds for 1918-19 will be made as soon as your report for 1917-18 has been approved. A copy of the requisition will be mailed you.

The estimates of practically all boards have been reduced, some of them very materially, owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Ben Kraft, Treasurer,  
Kodiak School District,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant covering funds for your school for 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$6333.42. This requisition is in accordance with the Governor's letter of June 2 last to Mr. H. D. Snodgrass, Clerk of your district, allowance having been made for the difference in the balance on hand from 1914-15, which it appears is \$2.58 instead of \$5.43.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office, giving date of its receipt by you, and the date, number, and amount of the warrant.

It must be understood, of course, that there is always a possibility that the requisitions of this office for school funds may be changed by the Auditor at Washington who passes upon them; hence boards should be careful with regard to incurring indebtedness prior to the receipt by the Treasurer of the warrant. This does not apply to teachers' salaries, janitor service, fuel, lights, etc., but to repairs, school supplies, and unusual items.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Victor E. Warner,  
Treasurer, Latouche School District,  
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that the following changes have been made in the estimates submitted by the Board for the school year 1915-16:

Teacher's salary: changed from \$115 to \$100 per month, total reduction in item being \$135.

Janitor: rate of pay changed from \$15 to \$10 per month; total reduction being \$25.

Lights: changed from \$15 to \$10; total reduction being \$5.

Repairs: changed from \$146 to \$125; total reduction \$21.

School supplies: changed from \$125 to \$100; total reduction \$25.

The reductions above mentioned aggregate \$231.00.

The report of the treasurer for 1914-15 awaits the receipt of your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer". When the report for 1914-15 has been approved a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, covering the estimates of the Board as changed in this office. The net amount to be asked for in the requisition is \$1293.93. The report for 1914-15 shows an unexpended balance on hand of \$75.07. There will, therefore, be a total of \$1369.00 available for the school year 1915-16.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has necessitated a reduction in the estimates of the various school boards; the only other alternative being the closing of some of the smaller schools.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. William Focha,  
Clerk La Touche School Board,  
La Touche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 10th, in which you state that you were elected Clerk of the La Touche School Board on April 5th last, but have not received the approval of this office.

In reply I have to advise that your election does not require the approval of this office, it being assumed that the election was regular in every way. There is, therefore, nothing to prevent you from attending to the duties imposed upon you by such election.

I note that the bond of the Treasurer of your District has been approved, and a requisition for funds to maintain the La Touche School will go forward to the Secretary of the Treasury at an early date.

Owing to a large increase in the number of schools in the Territory there promises to be a shortage of funds for their maintenance, and the strictest economy is, therefore, urged upon all school districts.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Charles Rudy,  
Treasurer, Hendenhall School District,  
Hendenhall, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Rudy:

Referring to the estimates of your school Board for 1915-16, and your recent interview, and that of Mr. Knudson, with the Governor, relative to the same, you are advised that the Governor has made the following changes in the estimates as submitted:

Janitor: estimate of \$135 for this service cut out of the estimates, in view of your statements to the Governor.

Coal: changed to 6 tons, at \$12 (including hauling), \$72.00

Lights: changed from \$15 to \$10.

Repairs: repainting, etc., disallowed in full (\$50).

School supplies: changed from \$50 to \$25.

Incidentals: changed from \$50 to \$25.

The above changes, except janitor, have been made with a view of providing for a 5-months' term to begin with; further provision being dependent upon an increase in attendance sufficient to warrant a longer term, and upon there being funds available for the purpose.

When the requisition is made, therefore, it will cover a term of 5 months, and will ask for the net sum of \$375.00, which, with the unexpended balance of \$162.40 on hand from last year, will provide a total of \$1038.00 for the 5 months. A copy of the requisition will be sent to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Simon Kvassikoff,  
Treasurer, Ninilchie School District,  
Ninilchie, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that the Governor has made the following changes in the estimates submitted for 1915-16:

Assistant teacher, annual training: estimate of \$45 for the term. Disallowed in full.

Coal: estimate of 30 tons changed to 17, at \$6 per ton.

Lights: changed from \$20 to \$15.

School supplies: <sup>not</sup> changed from estimate.

Incidentals: changed from \$50 to \$25.

Food: estimate of \$25 allowed.

Teacher and janitor: both items allowed as estimated.

The aggregate of the changes and disallowed items is \$93.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to cut down the estimates of the various boards wherever possible, to avoid having to close down some of the smaller schools.

When a requisition is made to cover the estimates as changed it will ask for the net sum of \$1638.71, which with the unexpended balance of \$31.29 from 1914-15, will give the board a total of \$1670.00 for school purposes for the year 1915-16.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. C. L. Grimes,  
Clerk, Ousinkie School District,  
Ousinkie, via Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that I have made the following changes in the estimates submitted for 1915-16 school year:

Teacher's salary: changed from \$125 to \$110 per month. The proposed increase cannot be approved, in view of the limited funds available for the support of the increased number of schools which must now be provided for. Furthermore, increases in salaries should receive the approval of this office before they are estimated for, and, obviously, before arrangements are made with teachers.

Painting roof of building: Estimate of \$25 disallowed.

Repairing fences: estimate of \$10 disallowed.

Total of reduction and disallowances, \$170.00.

When the accounts for 1914-15 have been approved, a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, the net sum of \$1276.45 being then asked for. This with the unexpended balance of \$52.30 from the year 1914-15 will give the Board a total of \$1328.75 for use during the year 1915-16.

It will be necessary for school boards to exercise the strictest economy in future, and the accounts of treasurers will receive a far more rigid examination than has been the practice in the past. School officers should therefore give careful heed to the regulations which have been issued by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Ira H. Griffin,  
Treasurer, Ruby School District,  
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised of the following changes which have been made by the Governor in the estimates submitted by the Board for the school year 1915-16:

Janitors: rate of pay changed from \$35 to \$25 per month.

Repairs: changed from \$150 to \$50.

Incidentals: changed from \$50 to \$35.

The Board is authorized to purchase a U. S. flag and to pay for same from the "Incidental" fund.

The total of the reductions noted above is \$205.00.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, it has been necessary to trim down the estimates of the various boards wherever possible to do so; the only other alternative being to close some of the smaller schools.

The requisition for funds for 1915-16 will be made as soon as the Treasurer's report for 1914-15 has been approved. The requisition will ask for the net sum of \$2202.50, which, with the unexpended balance on hand from 1914-15 of \$28.70 (subject to correction upon final examination of 1914-15 accounts) will give the Board the total sum of \$2231.50 for use during 1915-16. A copy of the requisition will be sent to you when issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. C. V. Mainquist,  
Treasurer St. Michael School District,  
St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of your Board you are advised that the Governor has made the following changes in the estimates submitted by the Board for the school year 1915-16:

Teachers' salary changed to a total of \$1350, on account of reducing the school term to 9 months, as per telegram of July 21 last sent by the Governor to E. B. Williams, Clerk of your Board.

Janitors: changed from \$25 to \$15 per month.

School supplies: changed from \$100 to \$70.

Incidentals: changed from \$50 to \$25.

Total of reductions, as above noted, \$315.00.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support it has become necessary to trim down the estimates of all boards wherever possible; the only other alternative being to close down some of the smaller schools.

When the accounts for 1914-15 have been approved a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, and the net sum of \$1607.35 will be asked for. This, together with the unexpended balance of \$241.65 from 1914-15 will make a total of \$1849.00 available for the Board's use during the school year 1915-16. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Gus Holmberg,  
Treasurer, Sanak School District,  
Sanak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that the Governor has disallowed the Board's estimate of \$50 for paint and oil for the schoolhouse. All of the other items in the estimates have been approved.

When the accounts for 1914-15 have been approved a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, and a copy thereof will be sent to you.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to trim down the estimates of the various school boards wherever possible to do so. For this reason alone the Governor felt constrained to disallow the Sanak board's estimate of \$50 for painting the building. This will have to be delayed until some future time when funds can be provided.

It is altogether probable that next year a general reduction in salaries of teachers, as well as in other items of expense, will be necessary if the present number of schools is to be maintained, to say nothing of any new schools. All boards will be duly advised as to this, however, at a later date.

The regulations issued by the Governor provide that the schools shall, except where extraordinary circumstances prevent, begin in September and end in May or early June -- a 9 months' term being contemplated. It is noted from reports and correspondence of the Sanak district that your term will not end until August 31st. An explanation is desired as to why you have not following the plan suggested in the regulations of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Olaf Arness, Treasurer,  
Seow Bay School District,  
Seow Bay, via Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant covering funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1237.60. When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the date, number and amount thereof, as well as the date of its receipt by you.

The Governor made the following changes in the estimates of your Board:

Painting and repairing school buildings: estimate of \$35 disallowed.

Incidentals: changed from \$45 to \$25.

Total of reductions in estimates, \$108.00.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to trim down the estimates of all school boards wherever possible to do so. The only other alternative was to close down some of the smaller schools, which would work a great hardship on children who need school privileges.

In view of the fact that your board failed to follow the regulations and instructions of this office last year in the matter of certain expenditures, and exceeded the amounts allowed for certain items, you are advised that the expenditures for 1915-16 must under no circumstances exceed the amounts allowed by the Governor for each item listed in the enclosed requisition. Any excess expenditure will be disallowed and you will be required to refund the amount to the school treasury. This office cannot, and will not, countenance continued disregard of its regulations and instructions.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mr. W. H. Seagrave,  
Treasurer Blackburn School District,  
Kenecott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1660.43. When you receive the Treasury warrant, kindly advise in writing, giving date, number, and amount thereof.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, the Governor has been obliged to cut down the estimates of the various school boards. No changes <sup>have</sup> made in the estimates of your Board, however. It is quite probable that before another year it will be found necessary to make a readjustment of teachers' salaries and other items of expense, to avoid discontinuing some of the schools. It is possible, also, that the school term will have to be shortened. Of these matters, however, the boards will be advised in due time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 16, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean,  
Treasurer, Chatanika School District,  
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Herewith find (below) a list of the changes made in the estimates of the Chatanika School Board for the school year 1915-16:

Janitor, salary changed from \$25 to \$15 per month.  
Repairs changed from \$100 to \$50.  
School supplies changed from \$75 to \$50.  
Books changed from \$50 to \$25.

Total reduction in estimates, \$100.00.

When the treasurer's report for 1914-15 has been approved a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, as follows:

Gross amount allowed for all purposes, . . .	\$2030.00
LESS balance from 1914-15 . . . . .	5.05
AMOUNT FOR WHICH REQUISITION WILL BE MADE . . .	<u>2024.95</u>

A copy of the requisition will be sent to you for your information. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant covering the requisition, you will kindly advise this office in writing, giving the date, number, and amount of the warrant.

Owing to the increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support, it has become necessary to reduce the estimates of practically all school boards, otherwise some of the schools would have to be closed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. Annie Christiansen,  
Treasurer Seldevia School District,  
Seldevia, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 13th instant for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-1916, the net amount asked for being \$1828.53. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant kindly advise the date of its receipt by you and give the number and amount of the warrant.

The Governor made the following changes in the estimates of your board before the requisition was written:

Janitor: changed from \$15 to \$10 per month.  
Paint for school room, \$70, disallowed.  
Labor for painting of school house, \$75, disallowed.  
Incidentals changed from \$50 to \$40.

The reductions and disallowances amount in the aggregate to \$200. The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to reduce the estimates of the school boards wherever possible; the only other alternative being to close some of the smaller schools.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,  
Treasurer Sitka School District,  
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised of the following changes which the Governor has made in the estimates submitted for the school year 1915-16:

Janitor: rate of pay changed from \$25 to \$30 per month.

The estimates of \$15 for Dustine, and \$10 for cleaning of building previous to opening school, have been disallowed.

These changes aggregate \$70, and the requisition, when made, will ask for the net sum of \$3115.79. This, with the unexpended balance of \$130.21 on hand from 1914-15 will give the Board a total of \$3246.00 for 1915-16.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support makes it necessary to reduce the estimates wherever possible, otherwise some of the smaller schools would have to be closed.

The requisition for funds for the ensuing year will be made as soon as the Board's report for 1914-15 has reached this office.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. B. Tweet, Treasurer,  
Teller School District,  
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that the Governor has made the following changes in the estimates submitted for the school year 1915-16:

Cleaning yard: estimate of \$10, disallowed.  
Papering and repairs of schoolhouse: estimate of \$100  
disallowed.

When the requisition for funds for 1915-16 is made it will ask for the net sum of \$1735.11. This, with the unexpended balance on hand from 1914-15 of \$72.89 (subject to correction when your accounts for that year have been examined), will give the Board a total of \$1807.50 for use during the school year 1915-16. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to reduce the estimates of the various school boards wherever possible, otherwise some of the smaller schools would have had to close.

A telegram is being sent you this date advising as to the above changes.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. James Daniels,  
Clerk, Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Herewith I beg to transmit two copies of blank for estimates of funds needed by your school district for the school year 1915-16. Both copies should be filled out and signed by the members of the Board, after which one should be mailed to this office and the other filed with the school records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. Am also enclosing two copies of form for reporting the names and salaries of the teachers who are to serve during the ensuing year. These blanks are to be signed by the Clerk of the Board, one copy to come to this office, the other to be filed with the school records.

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Jamez, August 17, 1915. O. B.

N. B. Tweet, Treasurer,

Teller, via mail from Home.

Have disallowed item of ten dollars for cleaning yard and one hundred dollars for papering and repairs building in estimates your board for ensuing school year. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is of official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the duty incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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14-1

Juneau, August 17, 1915. O. B.

Mrs. Jack McLean, Treasurer,

Chatanika, via mail from Fairbanks.

Following reductions in estimates your school board for ensuing year:  
Janitor to fifteen per month, repairs fifty, school supplies changed  
to fifty, books changed to twenty-five; total reductions one hundred  
ninety dollars. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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14-1

Juneau, August 17, 1915. O. B.

Ira H. Griffin, Treasurer,

Ruby. Via mail from Malosi.

Following changes made in board's estimates for ensuing year: Janitor  
twenty-five per month; repairs reduced to fifty dollars, incidentals  
to thirty-five dollars; total reductions two hundred five dollars.

Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, August 17, 1918. O. B.

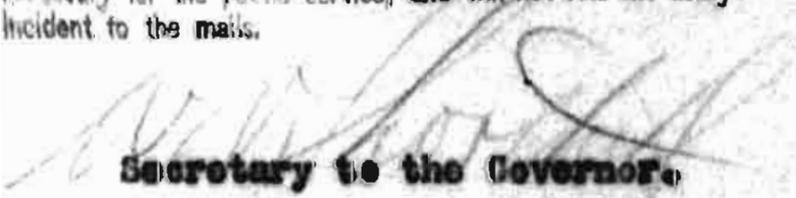
Victor E. Warner, Treasurer,

Latouche, via mail from Board.

Estimates your board for ensuing school year changed as follows: Salary teacher reduced to one hundred per month; janitor to ten dollars month, lights to ten dollars, repairs to one hundred twenty-five, and supplies to one hundred. Total reductions two hundred thirty-one dollars. Letter follows.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-5

Superintendent Cushman Indian School,  
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I write to ask you the terms of admission for Indian children or children of mixed blood residing in Alaska to the school at Cushman.

We have at Killisnoo a female child, probably one-eighth mixed blood, about nine years old, who should be removed from the care of her mother, who is now married to a full-blooded Indian.

If she can be admitted to the Cushman School I will take the steps necessary to remove her from the care of her mother, who is in every way incompetent.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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August 17, 1915.

14-5

Superintendent of Indian School,  
Chemawa, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I write to ask you the terms of admission for Indian children or children of mixed blood residing in Alaska to the school at Chemawa.

We have at Killisnoo a female child, probably one-eighth mixed blood, about nine years old, who should be removed from the care of her mother, who is now married to a full-blooded Indian.

If she can be admitted to the Chemawa School I will take the necessary steps to remove her from the care of her mother, who is in every way incompetent.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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August 18, 1915.

15-3

Mr. Walter H. Crockett,  
Essex Junction, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, inquiring as to whether the Territory of Alaska has issued or adopted for use in its schools any publication containing information with respect to the agricultural, industrial and other resources and opportunities of the Territory, you are advised that such publication has not thus far been issued for use in the schools,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 18, 1915.

15-6

Mr. W. S. Tethill,  
Webster Ave., West St. & Klatsch Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th instant,  
you are advised that the Territory of Alaska does not  
publish an educational directory.

There is enclosed herewith copy of circular  
letter form used by this office in replying to inquiries  
which contains, among other things, a complete list of  
the white schools of the Territory. This may be  
of some assistance to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 18, 1915.

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Board of School Trustees,

Unga, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the annual report of the School Board for the Unga-Peninsular School District, together with synopsis of the work adopted by the teacher, Miss D.B. Leckrone, for the terms 1913-1914 and 1914-1915; also photographic views of the town, school building, pupils, etc., accompanied by three samples of work of the sewing class.

Permit me to congratulate you, and through you the teacher, for the excellent work that is apparently being done in your school. The photographs show that the pupils of your school are bright, intelligent and industrious and that good work is being done in the matter of providing education for them along lines that count for their present and future welfare.

With best wishes for the continued success of your school, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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14-1

Juneau, August 18, 1915. O. D.

Estey, Treasurer,

Ellamar, via Valdes mail.

Replying yours fourteenth will allow one hundred twenty-five per month for teacher. Other items as per my wire twelfth and yours fourteenth. Letter follows.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 12, 1915.

15-6

Mr. J. H. McKinley,  
#723 W. 7th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained  
in your letter of the 8th instant, there is  
enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form  
used by this office in replying to school inquiries  
which contains, among other things, a complete  
list of the white schools of the Territory.

Trusting that this will be of some use  
to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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**CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS AVIS ANTILL, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, who having presented a State of Maine Normal School Diploma and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 18th day of August, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon -**

**State of Maine Normal  
School Diploma, dated  
January 19, 1893.**

August 16, 1913.

15-1

Miss Sidonia McDaniel,  
C/o Young Women's Christian Ass'n,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a position in any one of the schools of this Territory.

While the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the school boards.

There is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies, and as the school terms begin early in September it is probable that all of the boards have arranged for teachers for the ensuing year.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned you herewith, as you may wish to use them elsewhere.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Juneau, August 18, 1915. O. D. -- PAID Cordova to McCarthy.

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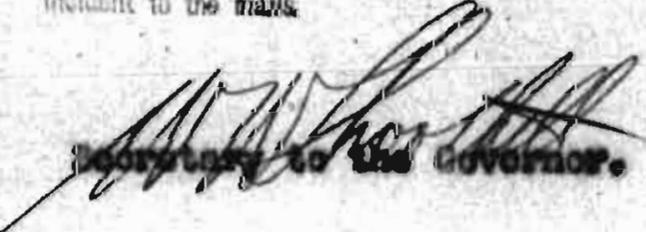
John Pitcher,

McCarthy, via Cordova.

School board estimates changed as follows: Salary teachers hundred twenty-five month, janitor twenty-five, lights fifty. Estimate for wood seems high, and estimate for rent must be very materially reduced. Advise promptly regarding wood and rent.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

August 19, 1915.

14-1

Mr. C. C. Hayward,  
Treasurer, Thane School District,  
Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 18th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1915-16, the amount called for being \$1872.00.

In accordance with telephone conversation of yesterday the requisition includes an item of rent in the sum of \$270.00.

Kindly advise this office the date of receipt by you of the Treasury warrant, giving the number and amount thereof.

The following changes were made by the Governor in the estimates of the Thane School Board:

Janitor's salary	changed to	\$25.00
School supplies	do	100.00
Incidentals	do	25.00
Added to estimates - Rent		270.00

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 19, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. B. Sweet,  
Treasurer, Teller School District,  
Teller, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of the 18th instant upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of your school district for the school year of 1915-16, the net amount called for being \$1788.01.

Kindly advise this office the date of receipt by you of the Treasury warrant, giving the number and amount thereof.

Enclosed herewith you will find formal notice of approval of your accounts for the school year 1914 - 15.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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August 19, 1915.

15-1

Mr. A. O. Alexander,  
Czar, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of this Territory, has been referred to this office, the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the white schools of Alaska.

The employment of teachers, however, is left entirely to the school boards.

There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

The school term begins in September in practically all of the Alaska schools, and it is probable therefore that all of the Boards have made arrangements for teachers for the ensuing year.

The letter of recommendation which accompanied your inquiry is enclosed herewith.

Yours respectfully,

Enclosure.

Secretary to the Governor.

August 19, 1915.

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Mr. John O. Foster,  
Treasurer, Unga-Peninsula School District,  
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of your Board you are advised that the Governor has made the following changes in your estimates for the school year 1915-1916:

Repairs: Estimate of \$150.00 for lumber and labor for alteration and repairs of building reduced to \$75.00.

Estimate of \$160.25 for material and labor to paint school buildings disallowed in full.

Supplies: Estimate of \$155.00 for range, utensils and material for the cooking class disallowed in full.

These changes make a total reduction of the Board's estimates of \$425.25.

During the past year a number of new school districts have been established, and the increased number of schools which must now be maintained calls for all of the funds which are available for school purposes; in fact it has been necessary to make reductions in the estimates of the various boards wherever possible, and the length of the term of two of the schools has been materially shortened in order to avoid the necessity of closing some of the smaller schools. For this reason alone the Governor has felt it necessary to make the above changes in the estimates of the Unga-Peninsula School Board.

He particularly regrets having to disallow the estimate for equipment and materials for the domestic science classes since it is apparent that such good work has been done in your school in these lines.

A requisition will be made in a day or two for funds for the maintenance of your school for the year 1915-16, which will call for the

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net sum of \$1583.56. This with the unexpended balance of \$608.44 from the last school year will give the School Board a total of \$2192.00 for use during the school year of 1915-16.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 19, 1913.

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Mr. Ward Estey,  
Treasurer, Ellamar School Board,  
Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On the 12th instant the Governor sent you the following telegram:

"Increased number of schools and limited funds  
"available necessitates cutting all estimates  
"to lowest possible figure. Cannot allow  
"increase in salary of teacher for Ellamar  
"School, and cannot allow more than two hundred  
"dollars for text books and supplies including  
"new desks. Think estimate for lights too  
"high - can it not be reduced to fifty dollars?"

On the 14th instant a reply was received from you reading as follows:

"Yours twelfth. Will rent house for teachers quar-  
"ters personally out repairs building to fifty;  
"lights to fifty; supplies to two hundred, but  
"cannot secure services of teacher desired for less  
"than estimate. Respectfully request you to  
"grant same. Situation demands. Teacher related  
"and awaiting advice."

After the further consideration of the matter the Governor wired you on yesterday as follows:

"Replying to yours fourteenth. Will allow  
"one hundred and twenty five per month for  
"teacher. Other items as per my wire twelfth  
"and yours fourteenth. Letter follows."

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As your estimates now stand they show the following changes:

Teacher's salary	changed from	\$150.00	to	\$125.00	per mo.
Lights	"	75.00	to	50.00	- - -
Repairs to building	"	300.00	to	50.00	- - -
School supplies, including desks	changed from	305.00	to	200.00	- - -

These changes make a total reduction in the board's estimates of \$605.00.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support has made it necessary to trim down the estimates of the various school boards wherever possible to do so, the only alternative being to close some of the smaller schools which would work a great hardship upon children who are in need of school privileges.

The proposed increase in the teacher's salary from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per month was out of all proportion to the salaries paid in other localities, and it is only because of other reductions in your Board's estimates that the Governor has consented to allow the increase of \$25.00 per month for the teacher.

The school situation is such that it is probable that a general reduction in teacher's salaries will be necessary next year. The Governor recently instructed Clerks of the District Courts not to establish any more school districts until further orders, since there are no funds in sight for the maintenance of any schools in addition to those which have already been established and, as above indicated, the maintenance of these schools has become a serious question.

The school law does not contemplate the furnishing of quarters for teachers.

Since the Governor's letter of May 24th last to you was written there have been a number of new school districts established, and the situation has entirely changed so that it is not possible to make as liberal an allowance as otherwise could have been made.

Your annual report of 1914-15 has just been received, and as soon as same has been examined and approved a requisition will be made for funds for 1915-16, and a copy thereof will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 19, 1915.

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Mr. Gus Holmberg, Treasurer,  
Sanak School District,  
Sanak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th of July, transmitting estimates to cover expenditures of your school board during the period from April 13 to June 30, 1914.

This office has already made two requisitions for the Sanak school district covering the school year 1913-14; one covering the salary of the teacher from October 8, 1913 to April 12, 1914, the other for her salary from April 13 to June 30, 1914. Provision was also made for funds for all requirements for the school year 1914-15. The time which has elapsed, as well as the fact that there is a shortage of funds for meeting the needs of the various schools for 1915-16, renders it impracticable to make any further requisitions on account of the school year 1913-14. I regret that this is the case, but we are at this time obliged to cut down the estimates of the various schools boards for 1915-16 wherever it is possible to do so, to avoid closing some of the smaller schools, and it would be manifestly unfair to the other school districts to make any further demands upon the school funds for the year 1913-14.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mr. O. A. Nelson,  
Treasurer, Chitina School District,  
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, explaining certain expenditures for the school year 1914-15, was received a few days ago, and the explanations as given by you are satisfactory.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you three copies of the printed regulations issued by this office, under date November 20, 1913, as I note you say the present School Board is not supplied with copies of these regulations.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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August 20, 1915.

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Mr. H. Robinson,  
Treasurer, Candle School District,  
Candle, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition issued by this office on the 19th instant for funds for your School District for the year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$2664.79.

When you receive the Treasury warrant, kindly notify this office in writing, giving the number and the amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

The Board's estimate of \$130.00 for books, stationery, etc. has been reduced by the Governor to \$100.00, and the estimate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for "Incidentals" has been reduced to \$25.00, making a total reduction in your estimate of \$55.00.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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**CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT**

**Department of Public Instruction.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELIZABETH BENNEY, Unga, Alaska, who having presented a diploma and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of August, 1915.**

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Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**GRANTED upon -**

**Diploma of Hallam Institute,  
State of Virginia, dated  
June 1, 1910.**

August 20, 1915.

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Miss Elisabeth Bennet,  
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a teacher's certificate. The diploma referred to in your letter is also received, and is being returned to you under separate cover in this mail.

The Governor has this date issued a certificate to you for the usual period of two years, and the same is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 20, 1915.

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Mr. John Pitcher,  
Treasurer, McCarthy School District,  
McCarthy, Alaska -

Etahanna Junction.

Dear Sir:

On the 18th instant the Governor wired you  
as follows:

"School board estimates changed as follows:  
"Salary teacher one hundred twenty-five a  
"month - Janitor twenty-five - lights  
"fifty. Estimate for wood seems high, and  
"estimate for rent must be very materially  
"reduced. Advice promptly regarding wood  
"and rent".

Your reply of the 19th was received this morning,  
reading as follows:

"Can eliminate rent. Reduce wood to  
"twenty cords".

As indicated in the Governor's message to you,  
and in line with the suggestions contained in your reply,  
the estimates of your School Board for the school year  
1915-16 have been changed to read as follows:

Teacher - 9 mos. @ \$125.00	\$1125.00
Janitor - 9 " @ 25.00	225.00
Wood - 20 cords @ \$9.00	180.00
Lights .. .. .	50.00
Construction & Equipment of (school building .. . . .	1000.00
School Supplies .. . . .	100.00
Incidentals .. . . .	50.00
	<u>\$2730.00</u>

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A requisition will be made in a day or two  
in accordance with the foregoing figures, and a copy  
of the same will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 20, 1915.

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Mr. John Pitcher,  
Treasurer, McCarthy School District,  
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasurer, Washington, D.C. for funds for your school district for the year 1915-16, the amount asked for being \$2730.00.

The requisition includes the sum of \$1000.00 for the construction and equipment of the school building.

"Equipment" has been construed by the Auditor to include desks, stoves, seats and other fixtures and furnishings which may be regarded as more or less permanent. Such items should, therefore, be charged to the "Construction and Equipment" account and not to "School Supplies".

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition above mentioned, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Your attention is called to the printed regulations issued by this office, copies of which, I believe, have been furnished you. Particular care should be taken to see that all of your expenditures come within the provisions of the requisitions and it will be advisable to obtain duplicate receipts and receipted bills covering all expenditures.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 20, 1915.

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Mr. Charles Rudy,  
Treasurer, Mendenhall School District,  
Mendenhall, Via Junction, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith you will find memorandum copy of requisition of this date for funds of your school district for a five months term of the school year 1915-16, the net amount called for being \$475.60.

In my letter of the 16th to you I stated that the net amount that would be called for in the requisition would be the sum of \$875.60, but I failed to take into account the change in the school term from nine to five months.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof and the date of its receipt.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 20, 1915.

14-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,  
Treasurer, Sitka School District,  
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Mills:

Herewith you will find enclosed memorandum copy of requisition of this date for funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$3115.79.

Kindly advise this office the date of the receipt by you of the Treasury warrant covering the requisition, giving the number and amount of the warrant. This acknowledgment to be in writing.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 20, 1915.

14-1

Mr. John O. Foster,  
Treasurer, Unga-Peninsula School District,  
Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memorandum copy of requisition of this date for funds for the maintenance of your school during the school year 1915-1916, the net amount asked for being \$1383.56.

The requisition is upon the basis of the estimates submitted by the Board after the same were changed by the Governor, as mentioned in office letter of yesterday addressed to you.

Kindly advise this office of the date of the receipt by you of the Treasury warrant covering this requisition, giving the number and amount of the warrant, this acknowledgment to be in writing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 20, 1915.

14-1

Mr. R. A. Bakke,  
Clerk, Mendonhall School District,  
P. O. Box 175, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find blanks for annual report of school boards. The Mendonhall Board has not yet submitted its annual report for the school year 1914-15, and I have to ask that you will kindly endeavor to have this report made out in the near future and mail it, using the enclosed franked and addressed envelope.

The annual report from the Mendonhall district has always been late in coming in, owing, I fear, to the fact that the members of the Board have not given the matter attention at the proper time -- that is, before the teacher leaves at the end of the term. In the future it is hoped that the report will be more promptly submitted.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

(Note: Both blanks should be filled out, one being filed with the school records, the other being mailed to this office.)

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Juneau, Alaska,

August 23, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Chas. C. Naughton,  
Clerk, Katalla School District,  
Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant you are advised that the Katalla School Board has full authority to employ the teacher for the ensuing school year. The employment of teachers rests with the school boards in all cases, being <sup>only</sup> subject to such regulations as this office has issued, which relate chiefly to the matter of teachers' certificates, and the approval of salaries. As your board's estimates do not contemplate any increase in salary, the only matter with which this office is concerned is that the teacher, when employed, shall arrange to secure a certificate from this office, if this has not already been done.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 23, 1915.

15-2

Miss Annie Murphy,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting the issuance to you of a permit to teach in the Sitka public school. Your State of California Life Diploma has also been received.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit which has been issued to you this date for the usual period of two years.

The Life Diploma which was forwarded for examination is being returned to you in this mail under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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**CERTIFICATE OF INDORSEMENT**  
**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MESS ANNIE MURPHY of Sitka, Alaska, who having presented a Diploma and satisfactory testimonials of good character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 23rd day of August 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**GRANTED UPON**

**State of California  
Life Diploma  
Dated April 22, 1909.**  
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August 24, 1915.

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Mr. Harry R. Brown,  
Treasurer, Knik School District,  
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the members of the Knik School Board you are advised that the Governor has made the following change in the estimates submitted for the school year 1915-16:

Estimate of \$125 for painting and miscellaneous repairs changed to "Miscellaneous repairs <sup>2</sup> \$25.00"

Otherwise the estimates have been allowed to stand as submitted. The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their support makes it necessary to reduce all estimates where possible to do so.

Enclosed is copy of printed regulations issued by this office, to which your attention is directed, particularly with respect to the expenditures, duties of treasurer, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. As soon as the certified copies of election returns and your bond are received the requisition will be made for funds for your school. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

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August 25, 1915.

14-1

Miss Geneva Sheets,  
Care U. S. G. G. Station,  
Newport, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant relative to your employment as teacher of the Chichagof, Alaska, school for the ensuing year.

In reply you are advised that under date of the 19th instant the Clerk of the Chichagof School District, Mrs. Rose Diggs, formally notified this office that you had been engaged to teach that school for the school year 1915-16.

It would seem, therefore, to be in order for you to proceed to Chichagof at an early date, to take charge of the school, which is supposed to open early in September.

The Chichagof Mining Company operates a small boat between Juneau and Chichagof, making weekly trips. It connects with the steamers of the Alaska Steamship Company which sail from Seattle (Alameda, Delphin, Jefferson, Mariposa and Northwestern). The boat is in Juneau today, and will be here again in six days, and approximately every six days thereafter. The time between Seattle and Juneau on any of the above-named boats, is approximately four days.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to Governor.

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August 26, 1915.

14-1

Miss Maude Kinsaid,  
41135 W. 18th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Madam:

Receipt of acknowledged of your letter  
of August 14th with reference to the school at  
Anchorage, Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that I  
understand that a school will be started there in  
the near future. A school district has been organ-  
ized and a board of directors elected.

This office does not employ teachers,  
and you should address your application to the  
Board of School Directors, Anchorage, Alaska.

I am enclosing herewith a circular  
that may prove of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 26, 1915.

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Mr. Walter J. Kenyon,  
Box #326 - Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of August 14th, I have to advise you that the schools of Alaska have not, as yet, adopted a uniform line of text-books. It is probable, however, that this will be done within the coming year, but I cannot advise you as to the exact date at this time.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

August 26, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. Rose Biggs,  
Clerk, Chichagof School District,  
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

For your information I enclose herewith carbon copy of letter of the 25th instant addressed to Miss Geneva Sheets, Newport, Oregon, replying to her inquiry of the 16th instant with respect to her employment as teacher in your school for the ensuing year.

Miss Sheets advises that she telegraphed you her acceptance but that up to the date of the writing of her letter she had not received any further advice from the Board and she was uncertain whether to start for Alaska or not in the absence of such instructions.

As this office had received official notification from the Board stating that Miss Sheets had been engaged as teacher for the ensuing year she was advised to proceed to Chichagof at an early date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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August 28, 1915.

14-1

Lawson & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. C. L. Magill, teacher of the Kenai school, Kenai, Alaska, dated the 15th instant, in which he advises that he has sent to you an order for some desks and a table, with instructions to you to hold the same until advised by this office as to the approval or disapproval of the order by this office.

You are advised that the Governor has notified the Kenai School Board, and Mr. Magill, this date, that he cannot approve the order, there being insufficient funds in the school treasury to cover the same. You will, therefore, please cancel the order as a whole.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

C/O to Treasurer of  
Kenai School District.

August 20, 1915.

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Mr. C. L. McGill,  
Teacher, Kenai School District,  
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 12th and 15th instant with respect to the needs of the Kenai school in the matter of desks and other equipment, and asking that an additional allowance of \$735 be made therefor.

The Governor has carefully considered the matter, and has directed me to advise you, and through you, the Kenai School Board, that it is impossible to make any further allowance of funds for the Kenai school district for the school year 1915-16. This is due to the fact that the increased number of schools which must now be provided for, and the limited amount of funds available for their support, has made it necessary to reduce all estimates wherever possible; the only alternative being to close some of the smaller schools, which would manifestly be unfair. The allotment for the various schools has already been made, and there are no surplus funds available from which to provide for the further needs of the Kenai district.

For the reasons stated above the Governor has advised the firm of Lowman and Hanford Co., Seattle, to cancel the order for desks and table which was sent them subject to approval by the Governor.

--Mr. C. L. Magill, Teacher, Kenai, p. 2--

The Governor wishes me to express his keen regret that he is unable to make further provision for your school, since it is quite evident that some assistance is needed. But as already stated, there are no funds now available for the purpose.

The Governor requests me to call the Board's attention to the fact that formal transfer of the custody of the school building at Kenai, which is owned by the United States Bureau of Education, has not been made to this office through the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. It has been the understanding of this office that the Kenai School Board some time ago took up this matter with the officials of the Bureau of Education with a view to arranging such transfer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

C/C to Treasurer of  
Kenai School District.

August 28, 1915.

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Mr. H. G. Singer,  
Treasurer, Kenai School District,  
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of letter of this date to Mr. C. L. Magill, teacher of your school, relative to the application made, through him, for additional funds for your school for the year 1915-16; also copy of letter to Lowman & Hanford Co., Seattle, instructing them to cancel the order sent them for desks, etc., which was subject to the approval of the Governor.

Lack of funds, as stated in the letter to Mr. Magill, makes it impossible to provide further funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1915-16, a situation which the Governor greatly regrets, since it is apparent that your district really needs at least a considerable part of the amount asked for in Mr. Magill's letter of the 12th instant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.**

**Department of Public Instruction.**

THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS GENEVA SHEETS, Chichagof, Alaska, who having presented a State of Idaho Certificate by Endorsement and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 30th day of August, 1915.

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Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

**GRANTED UPON:**

State of Idaho  
Certificate by Endorsement  
of November 24th, 1911 -  
which was granted upon  
Wisconsin Life Certificate.  
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August 30, 1915.

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Miss Geneva Sheets,  
C/o Mrs. J. F. Diggs,  
Chichagoff, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, written at Newport, Oregon, advising that the Chichagof School Board has subled you to proceed to that place to take charge of the school for the ensuing year, and in which you request the issuance of a teacher's certificate, submitting with your request your Idaho certificate.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate in the usual form which has been issued to you this date by the Governor, as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Idaho certificate, which accompanied your letter, is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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August 30, 1915.

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Miss Geneva Sheets,,  
C/o Mrs. J. F. Diggs,  
Chichagoff, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, written at Newport, Oregon, advising that the Chichagof School Board has cabled you to proceed to that place to take charge of the school for the ensuing year, and in which you request the issuance of a teacher's certificate, submitting with your request your Idaho certificate.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate in the usual form which has been issued to you this date by the Governor, as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Idaho certificate, which accompanied your letter, is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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August 30, 1915.

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Mr. C. O. Case,

State Superintendent of  
Public Instruction,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, you are advised that the courses of study in the Alaska schools have not, as yet, been standardized.

The recent session of the Alaska Legislature provided for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, one of whose first duties when appointed will be to standardize the courses of study in the white schools of the Territory. At the present time the courses vary considerably but in general are similar to those used in Washington, Oregon and California.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 30, 1915

15-2

Miss Marie Dennis,

Kennecott, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The Governor desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to him, in which you advise that Miss H. McGlinch, who has been teaching in the Blackburn School for the past five months has resigned, and that the School Board has elected you to complete the term. You request that a permit be issued authorizing you to teach.

There is enclosed a permit issued to you by the Governor, based upon the statements contained in your letter of above date, for a period of four months, which will cover the period of your services as teacher of the Blackburn School.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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August 30, 1915.

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Mr. W. H. Seagrave,  
Treasurer School District,  
Kenesa, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Miss Marie Dennis of Kenesa, advising that Miss Anne McGlinch "who has been teaching here for the past five months", has resigned, and the Blackburn School Board has elected Miss Dennis to complete the term.

From the portion of Miss Dennis' letter quoted above it would appear that the Blackburn school has already been in session some five months, although this office has had no information from any of the officers of the School Board to that effect. The school terms of all the schools in unincorporated communities is supposed to open early in September and close in the latter part of May or early in June following, except where local conditions make it advisable or necessary to vary from this rule.

The Governor wishes to be advised with regard to the situation in the Blackburn School District.

For the information of the Board I beg to advise that the Governor has this day issued a four months certificate to Miss Marie Dennis, which will serve to cover the term for which she has been employed in your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.**      **August 30, 1915.**  
**Department of Public Instruction.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MARIE DENNIS, Kennecott, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of her qualifications for teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for four months from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this the 30th day of August, 1915.**

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Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

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August 30, 1915.

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Mr. William Foeha,  
Clerk, Etouche School District,  
Iatouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing report giving the name of the teacher employed for the ensuing year, and referring to various school matters.

On the 16th instant the Governor addressed a letter to Mr. Warner, Treasurer of your School District, with regard to changes he had made in your Board's estimates for the school year 1915-1916. On the 17th instant a telegram was sent to Mr. Warner advising him in brief as to changes made in the estimates. Among other changes made was that of the teacher's salary, which was reduced from the Board's estimate of \$115.00 to \$100.00 per month, the same as has been paid heretofore. It is noted in your letter of the 20th instant you say the teacher is to receive \$100.00 per month to start on but is to have a raise if the number of pupils justifies it.

The Governor desires me to advise you, and through you the other members of the Board, that no raise in salary can be allowed during the school year 1915/1916. As explained in the Governor's letter to Mr. Warner, above mentioned, the increased number of schools which must be maintained and the limited funds available for such maintenance has rendered it absolutely necessary to cut down all estimates to the lowest possible amount, and this office, therefore, cannot consider any increase in salaries for the present. In fact, it is probable that in many of the schools salaries for 1917 will be considerably less than those allowed for 1915/1916.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. A. F. McLEAN, of Haines, Alaska, who having presented a diploma and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 31st day of August, 1913.**

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Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**GRANTED UPON -**

**State of South Dakota ;  
Normal School Diploma ;  
Dated June 8, 1898. ;**

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August 31, 1915.

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Mr. H. H. Pinger,  
Treasurer, Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the estimates submitted by your school board for the ensuing school year, the Governor requests that the Board submit an itemized statement showing all school equipment, supplies, etc., on hand at this time, together with the original cost price of each item and the price at which it is proposed to sell the same to the new district. This information is desired for use when passing upon the estimates.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 31, 1915.

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Mrs. A. F. McLean,  
Haines, A l a s k a.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th instant, addressed to the Governor, advising this office that you have been engaged to teach in the Haines Public School for the ensuing year and requesting the issuance to you of a certificate. Receipt is also acknowledged of the diploma and certificates transmitted under separate cover for examination by this office.

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate of this date issued to you by the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. This certificate is for the usual period of two years.

The diploma and certificates above mentioned are being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

September 1, 1915.

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Mr. Almont Ake,  
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a certificate issued to you by the Board of Examiners, Summit County, Ohio, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska teacher's permit.

In reply you are advised that permits to teach in Alaska are issued only to teachers who have secured employment in the Territory. It is impossible, therefore, to comply with your request at this time.

The certificate which accompanied your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

September 1, 1915.

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Mr. H. H. Pinger,  
Treasurer, Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith 3 copies of the Act of Congress of January 27, 1905, which provides, among other things, for the establishment and maintenance of schools in communities outside of incorporated towns; also 3 copies of printed regulations issued by this office under date of November 20, 1913, and one copy of typewritten supplement to the Regulations, issued under date of February 14, 1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 3, 1915.

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Mr. A. J. Wendler,  
Clerk, Anchorage School District,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I enclose confirmation copy of telegram sent you this date in reply to yours of the 24.

As stated in the message, this office has no information with respect to the Treasury Department having made provision for \$2,000 for school building purposes at Anchorage, other than what was stated in the item in the Juneau "Empire" of August 23d.

As also stated in the Governor's telegram to you, it is very doubtful if this office will be able to make any provision for a school at Anchorage during the school year 1915-16 (September, 1915, to June, 1916), for the reason that we already face a deficit on account of having to provide for eight new schools this year, all of which were organized previous to the establishment of the Anchorage district. Last year we provided for 27 schools, this year we have at least 25, possibly 26; with two more districts (Anchorage and Eagle River) recently established and for which we can see no funds in sight for this year. We have had to trim down the estimates of the various school boards to the very lowest possible figure in order to make it possible to maintain the 25 or 26 referred to above,

--Mr. A. J. Wendler, Clerk, p. 2--

and many of the schools have been but scantily provided for at that. The situation is such that recently the Governor notified the Clerks of Court in the four divisions not to establish any more school districts until further advised.

The item in the Empire, referred to by you, led this office to think that possibly the school at Anchorage would be provided for by the Government in the same way that the schools in the Panama Canal Zone were maintained, but we have no information that this will be done.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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**TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE**

Department of Public Instruction

THIS CERTIFICATE is awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MAYZEL MOSS, of Douglas, Alaska, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of qualifications, as required by law, and she is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for ONE YEAR from date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 3rd day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

**Juneau, September 3, 1915. O. D. VIA SEWARD.**

**14-1**

**A. J. Wendler,**

**Clark school board,**

**Anchorage.**

**No information other than item in Empire. If treasury department provides for building the district cannot get additional building funds from Territory. In any event condition of school fund present time makes it doubtful if provision can be made for school at Anchorage this year. We are already facing a deficit owing to necessity of providing for eight new schools established this year prior to Anchorage.**

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**

*I certify that this telegram is an official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the charge incident to the mails.*

  
**Secretary to the Governor.**

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September 3, 1915.

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Miss Mayzel Noss,  
Douglas, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Herewith you will find Teacher's Certificate which has been issued to you this date by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the period of one year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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Juneau, September 4, 1915. O. B. Via mail from Seward.

H. G. Singer,

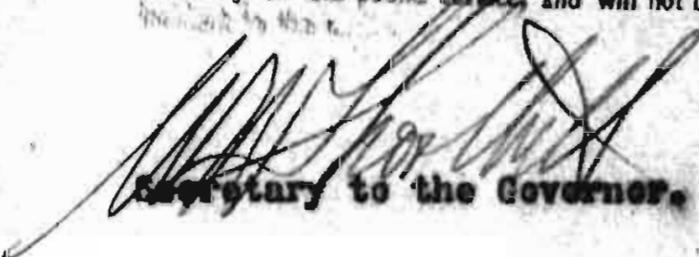
Treasurer Kenai School District,

KENAI.

Upon further consideration have decided allow your district one hundred eighty dollars for thirty new desks which I am directing Lowman & Hamford to ship at once. Will also allow seventy-five dollars for stoves and fifty dollars for lumber and carpenter work. Total allowance for foregoing items three hundred and five dollars. Letter confirming follows.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the same.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, September 4, 1915. O. B.

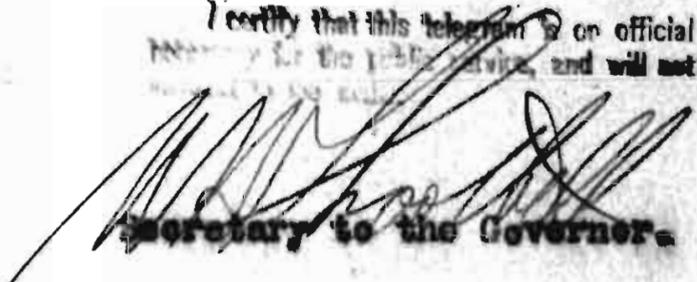
Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Referring your letter August twenty-seven and my letter twenty-eighth have reconsidered Kenai school matter and you are authorized to ship twenty-five Economic desks sizes five and six, and five same style size two at prices quoted in your letter. Follow shipping instructions given in letter to you from Magill, teacher Kenai school.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and  
necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 4, 1915.

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Lewman & Hanford Co.,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find confirmation copy of telegram just sent you by the Governor, authorizing you to ship to the Kenai school district, Kenai, Alaska, the following:

25 "Economic" desks, sizes 5 and 6

5 " " " size 2

The teacher of the Kenai school, Mr. C. L. Hagill, recently sent you an order for 45 desks sizes 5 and 6, 10 desks, size 2, and 1 teacher's desk, subject to the approval of this office.

On the 28th a letter was addressed to you instructing you to cancel the entire order. On the 1st instant your letter of the 27th ultime was received, quoting prices on the desks. Today the Governor took up the Kenai school matter again, and decided to allow them 30 desks, whereupon the telegram was immediately sent you.

The desks should be shipped as per Mr. Hagill's instructions, and your bill, IN DUPLICATE, should be sent to H. G. Singer, Treasurer of the Kenai school district, Kenai, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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covering the requisition, kindly advise this office in writing.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

September 6, 1915.

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Mr. H. G. Singer,  
Treasurer, Kenai School District,  
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find confirmation copy of telegram of the 4th instant addressed to you by the Governor.

As stated in the message, the Governor upon further consideration of the needs of your school decided to allow the purchase of 30 new desks, the two stoves asked for, and the sum of \$50 for lumber and carpenter work. The estimate of the Board, as submitted in Mr. Magill's letter of recent date, was for desks at a cost of \$6 each, and the Governor used that figure in making the allowance for the 30 desks. However, it is not expected that they will cost that much, since quotations received from Lowman & Hanford Co., Seattle, are \$3.20 per desk for sizes 5 and 6, and \$3.50 for size 2. The Governor wired Lowman & Hanford on the 4th authorizing them to ship the following desks:

25 "Economic" desks, sizes 5 and 6

5 " " " size 2

A requisition will be made at once for funds to cover the allowances specified in the Governor's telegram, and a copy of the requisition will be mailed to you. When you receive the requisition

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JURGENAU, SEPTEMBER 9, 1915. O. B. Ans.

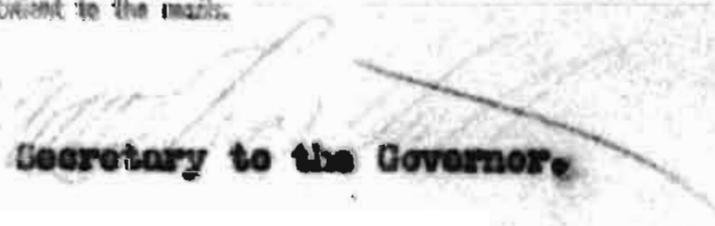
Edes, Chairman Railway Commission,

ESWARD,

School fund exhausted and no provision for additional schools can be made unless special appropriation can be secured from Congress. Exhaustion of school fund due to large increase in number of schools. Will urge upon Congress as soon as it meets, the necessity of special appropriation so that educational facilities can be provided in newly organized districts.

STRONG, Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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September 7, 1913.

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Mr. H. H. Finger,  
Treasurer, Treadwell School District,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, submitting a detailed list of school supplies, desks, etc., on hand and which can be turned over to the school district. With this list at hand the Governor has gone over the estimates of the Treadwell school board and has instructed me to advise the board, through you, of the following allowances which have been authorized by him:

1 teacher 9 months at \$100 per month . . . . .	\$ 900.00
1 " " " " 90 " " . . . . .	810.00
Janitor " " " 15 " " . . . . .	135.00
Fuel (steam heat) . . . . .	90.00
Lights . . . . .	45.00
Rent, 9 months at \$30 per month . . . . .	270.00

School supplies:

Various, as shown on page 1 of list, items 7 and 8 and 13 to 26 incl. . . . .	\$35.00
Various, as shown on page 2 of list, items 1 to 15 inclusive . . . . .	25.00
1 Globe, item 3, page 3 of list . . . . .	9.75
1 set of maps . . . . .	18.00
Books, stationery, examination blanks, etc., etc., . . . . .	<u>150.00</u>
	237.75

Equipment:

44 2d-hand desks, page 1 of list . . . . .	60.00
17 new desks, pages 2 and 3 of list . . . . .	61.05
• 20 additional new desks, @ \$3.60 . . . . .	72.00
1 2d-hand teacher's desk and chair . . . . .	20.00
1 new teacher's desk . . . . .	20.00
1 " " chair . . . . .	<u>3.15</u>
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Incidentals . . . . .	50.00
3 call bells \$1.35, 2 blkbd. pointers .50, 1 blkbd. compass .75, erasers \$2.50,	

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2 clocks @ \$2.50 each, \$5.00; waste-  
paper baskets \$1.00, dusters \$1.50,  
brooms .75, floor brush \$3.75, toilet  
paper, etc., etc., as needed, in all  
not to exceed \$50.00.

TOTAL OF ALLOWANCES . . . . . \$3,773.95

- The 20 additional new desks not to be purchased unless they are needed in addition to the 44 2d-hand and 17 new desks already on hand.

It will be noted that in addition to reductions of certain items estimated for by the Board, the Governor has made no allowance for the following items contained in the estimates:

2 visitors' chairs  
1 dictionary holder  
1 bookcase  
2 pencil sharpeners  
shades, \$27.50

The shades should be furnished by the owner of the school building. The Governor does not feel justified in allowing expenditures for the four other items mentioned above, in view of the shortage of funds at this time. Certain other items separately estimated for by the Board have been allowed under the head of "Incidentals", as will be noted above. The item of "2 clocks, \$10.00", has been reduced to "2 clocks @ \$2.50 each, \$5.00", as it is believed suitable clocks can be purchased for this amount.

No allowance is made for a school bell, pending explanation from the Board as to the disposition of the bell which was used at the old school house.

With respect to the supplies, desks, etc., now on hand, as per the itemized list furnished by the Board, it will be noted that

--Mr. H. H. Pinger, Treasurer, p. 3--

with the exception of the new desks, new globe, 1 new desk and 1 new chair for teacher, the proposed selling price to the school district has been materially reduced. Since all of the items referred to are 2d hand, it is believed that the amounts allowed therefor by the Governor are all that should be paid by the new school district, and the Governor instructs me to say that he cannot consider any higher figures than those shown above.

The Governor desires to exercise due liberality in the consideration of the estimates of all school boards, but in view of the fact that there are some 26 (possibly 30) schools to provide for this year, with less than an average of \$2,000 available for each, it will be seen that the strictest economy is necessary in order to avoid the alternative of closing some of the smaller schools. For this reason alone it has been necessary in every instance when considering estimates this year, to reduce all items to the lowest possible figure, and this even when it is evident that the schools actually need more funds than are allowed them. An effort will be made to secure from Congress an additional allowance for school purposes, but until this can be brought about it will be necessary to exercise rigid economy. The estimate of \$50 per month for rent is excessive, in view of the fact that, as stated by you verbally some days ago, the school building at Treadwell represents an investment of between four and five thousand dollars. Mr. Bradley in talking with the Governor some time ago on this subject stated that the Company would expect to receive rent which would be equivalent to about 6% on the investment. The

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allowance made by the Governor for rent approximates the figure named by Mr. Bradley.

In view of the fact that there are no stoves to be looked after nor lights to be cared for, the Governor considers the allowance of \$15 per month for janitor service ample.

With respect to the purchase of books for the use of the school you are advised that the regulations of this office permit the purchase of text books and reference books, etc., but do not contemplate purchases of a general character, however desirable they may be.

It is the Governor's wish that I state, also, that the purchase of text books, etc., should be kept down to a minimum for this year, in view of the probable appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction, one of whose first duties will be to standardize the courses of study in the schools of the Territory. It is probable that this matter will be arranged so as to go into effect with the 1916-17 school year.

I enclose another set of estimate blanks and would ask that the Board make out new estimates, based upon the allowances as shown in this letter, and submit the same to this office for action.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

September 10, 1915.

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Mr. H. H. Pinger,  
School Treasurer,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant in respect to the estimates of the Treadwell School Board, and the various items of allowance specified in letter of the 7th instant to you.

It is noted that the Board has decided to substitute \$1.50 clocks for the \$5 ones which the Governor made allowance for. With respect to a bell, the Governor instructs me to say that since the old one is not available, he will allow the Board's estimate of \$15 for this purpose, in addition to the amounts set forth in office letter of the 7th.

As explained at length in the former letter to you, the funds available for maintenance of schools for the ensuing year compel the exercise of the most rigid economy; and the allowances made by the Governor for rent, heat, and lights, were based upon this necessity, as well as with due consideration for a proper return on the investment of the Company in a school building at Treadwell. As you may know, the school law allows only \$1,000 for the construction and equipment of a school building, where a district does not rent; and, furthermore, the law does not contemplate that a school building shall also afford liv-

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ing quarters for teachers, which it is understood has been arranged for in the Treadwell school building. Actual school requirements at Treadwell would not have called for the kind of building which has been constructed there, and it is therefore outside of the question to discuss the matter of rent, heat and lights at further length. It is the understanding of this office that both heat and lights are furnished to practically all employees of the Treadwell and associated companies who reside in company houses, and it is not quite clear why the school should be made an exception in this respect, since all the children who will attend are those of officers and employees of the Companies. The Governor has set the maximum figures which will be allowed for rent, heat and lights, and these were specified in the letter of the 7th instant to you. It is impossible to make any further allowance, owing to a lack of funds, if for no other reason.

The Board may submit its revised estimates in accordance with the letter of the 7th instant and may add \$15 for a bell. and upon receipt of same a requisition will be made upon the Treasury Department for the funds. School may be opened at any time that the Board may decide, but funds will not be available for probably six weeks or two months after the estimates reach this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

Department of Public Instruction.

THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. ELLEN TASCHER, of Treadwell, Alaska, who having presented a State of Washington Life Certificate and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 11th day of September, 1915.

Governor, and ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

State of Washington  
Life Certificate.

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TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

Department of Public Instruction.

THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS EVELYN CHASTEEN, of Treadwell, Alaska, who having presented a diploma from the Epworth University, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 11th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

Diploma from  
Epworth University,  
Guthrie, Oklahoma, and  
Milwaukee Training School,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
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September 11, 1915.

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Mr. A. J. Wendler,  
Clerk of Anchorage School Board,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2nd, together with an estimate of monies needed for the support of the Anchorage School District for the school year 1915-1916.

It is with extreme regret that I have to advise you that the school fund for the support of the schools outside of incorporated towns of Alaska is exhausted, and no further requisitions can be made upon the Treasury Department for the support of the schools until such time as the fund is increased. How soon this will be I have no means of knowing. I shall endeavor to have Congress make a special appropriation for the maintenance of a number of recently organized schools in the Territory. For your further information I am enclosing you a copy of a letter addressed this day to Honorable W.C. Eads, Chairman of the Alaska Engineering Commission, in which this matter is gone into in detail.

In the meantime your estimates will be held pending further developments.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

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September 11, 1915.

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*Edes*  
Honorable W. C. Eads,  
Chairman, Alaska Engineering Commission,  
Seward, Alaska.

*Edes*  
Dear Mr. Eads:

Acknowledging the receipt of your telegram of September 8 re. construction of school house at Anchorage, and asking for information as to available funds for furnishing and maintaining same, on September 9 I telegraphed you as follows:

"School fund exhausted and no provisions for  
"additional funds can be made unless special  
"appropriation can be secured from Congress.  
"Exhaustion of school fund due to large in-  
"crease in number of schools. Will urge upon  
"Congress as soon as it meets, the necessity  
"of special appropriation so that educational  
"facilities can be provided in newly organized  
"districts.

In further reference to the subject matter of this telegram I have to advise you that insofar as the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns is concerned it is a condition and not a theory by which we are confronted. Hitherto the funds for the support of these schools has been ample, but during the past year eleven new school districts have been organized, and three more are completing their organization. The funds for the support of these schools is about \$60,000 annually, each school requiring about \$2,000 per annum. There are now 38 organized schools established entailing an approximate cost of \$76,000. It should be stated here that in addition to the \$60,000 derived from the Federal Government the Territory will contribute this year about \$10,000 for school purposes, bringing the total available fund up to \$70,000; but even then there is an apparent deficit of \$6,000 which will either have to be met by an increased appropriation or the school year must be shortened in all the schools.

I shall exert every means within my power to continue the schools already established and to secure an appropriation for such new ones as may be organized. In this effort I believe you can be of much

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assistance if you will bring to the notice of the Department the condition existing at Anchorage in respect to school facilities, and the situation so far as an appropriation for maintenance is concerned. Besides Anchorage there are three other schools that have been recently organized for which it is impossible to secure funds at this time.

I need not assure you that no one regrets more than I do the situation that has arisen. However, it is one that I do not control. The funds for the support of schools outside of the incorporated towns are covered into the United States Treasury and are paid out upon requisition from this office, the requisition being based upon estimates made by the respective school boards. I need not point out, however, that it is worse than useless to requisition an empty fund.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

September 13, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. John Murphy,

Tenakee, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1st, and have to advise you that there must be twenty (20) children, between 6 and 20 years of age, residing in a community before it can be organized into a school district.

As you state that there are only ten children at Tenakee, under the law a school district cannot be organized there. Personally I may say that I think the number of children required is too high, but as this number is laid down in the law I have no discretion in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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February 24, 1916.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MR. GEORGE A. WARNER, of Saint Michael, Alaska, having submitted satisfactory evidence of his qualifications, is hereby authorized to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years from this date, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.

Governor, and ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

GRANTED on  
submission of pending  
certificate, which  
bears date Feb. 24, 1914 -  
expiring Feb. 23, 1916.

September 13, 1915.

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Mr. George A. Warner,  
St. Michael, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo, with request that your permit to teach be renewed.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith a renewal of your permit of date February 24th, 1914 for a period of two years. I am returning herewith the permit issued February 24th, 1914.

With reference to the school term in St. Michael School District, I have to advise you that when I assumed the duties of this office I found that the only school term of ten months anywhere in the territory was at St. Michael and for that reason it was allowed to continue until the present year, when a shortage of funds, due to the large increase of schools, outside of incorporated towns, made it necessary to reduce the St. Michael school term to 9 months, which is the length of term in most of the other school districts in the territory. In one or two districts the school term is only five (5) months.

I have further to advise you that requisition for the maintenance of the school at St. Michael has been made on a basis of a 9 month term, and there will be no deviation from this hereafter.

Due to the shortage of school funds this office has been compelled to exercise the strictest economy and has been compelled to reduce the operating expense to the lowest point commensurate with efficiency. The School Board's estimate contained an estimate of \$25.00 per month for the janitor; this was reduced to \$15.00 per month as that had been the amount hitherto paid, and this office could see no reason for increasing the amount. It appears to me that this work can very well be done for the amount allowed. Hitherto the schools of Alaska have been dealt with most liberally. This was because there were ample funds for their support, and we were not forced to exercise such strict economy, but the time has come when economy of the strictest

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kind must be practiced if the children of the whole Territory  
are to be given any educational facilities.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosures.

September 13, 1915.

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Mrs. O. L. Grimes,  
Ousinkie School,  
Via Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30th, and I am enclosing herewith a supplement to "Circular of Information, and Regulations Concerning the Administration of Schools Outside Incorporated Towns", which contains the information asked for with respect to school holidays.

With regard to the purchase of a foot ball for the boys of your school and a basket ball for the girls, I have to say that the estimates of your school have already been passed upon and no further appropriation can be made at this time.

Very truly yours,

Governor, and ex officio Super-  
intendent of Public Instruction.

Encl.

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September 15, 1915.

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Mr. Gus Holmberg,  
Treasurer, Sannak School District,  
Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being \$1035.34. When you receive the Treasury warrant for these funds kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

Formal notice of the approval of your accounts for 1914-15 is enclosed. Notation of the approval of your accounts for 1913-14 is made on the bottom of the notice.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Peter Jepsen,  
Treasurer Ruby School District, 1914-15,  
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th ultimo, explaining as to the discrepancy of 75 cents in your accounts, and your report has been corrected to agree with the figures mentioned in office letter of July 27th to you and as confirmed in your letter of the above date.

Enclosed you will find formal notice of the approval of your accounts.

The explanation contained in your separate letter of August 6th relative to repairs is satisfactory, but in future the board should communicate with this office on matters of the kind referred to.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 15, 1915.

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Mr. Ira H. Griffin,  
Treasurer Ruby School District,  
Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, made out in accordance with office letter of August 16th to you. When you receive the Treasury warrant for the amount asked for, kindly advise this office, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

The accounts of former Treasurer Jepsen have been approved this date, and formal notice is being mailed to him.

You have not yet forwarded your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer". This should be sent in without delay. Blanks are enclosed herewith; both should be filled out, one sent here and the other filed with your records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 16, 1915.

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Mr. A. H. Mittendorff,  
Treasurer, Nushagak School District,  
Nushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor there is enclosed herewith formal notice of the approval of your accounts for the school year 1913-14, same being dated September 23, 1914. This notice has been held in this office pending adjustment of balance of cash on hand for that year, which had been shown in your report as \$319.60 and was corrected in this office to \$381.05. Your report for 1914-15 is at hand and shows that you took up the sum of \$381.05 as the unexpended balance from 1913-14, thus making the adjustment in your accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 16, 1915.

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Mr. A. H. Mittendorff,  
Treasurer, Nushagak School District,  
Nushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 25, 1915, transmitting your annual report for 1914-15 and the Board's estimates for 1915-16.

With respect to your annual report for 1914-15, the Governor directs me to say that the manner in which the same is submitted does not at all conform to the instructions heretofore given you by this office, and cannot be countenanced. You do not submit any receipts showing payment to the teacher of salary for the year, nor for any other item of expenditure, except such as may cover payments to yourself for articles furnished the school. What purports to be a receipted bill is submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is herewith returned to you. This bill is made out on your billhead, and is receipted by you for a total sum of \$1315.60. Included in the bill are items of various supplies, launch hire, coal, freight charges, janitor service, repairs, rent, etc., etc., with nothing to show that anyone other than yourself received payment therefor. As you did not teach the school nor act as janitor it is assumed that the amounts shown as paid to the teacher and janitor were not in fact paid to you but to other persons. The item of "incidentals, \$2.25" is not shown in detail, and the item of "repairing floor, \$50.00" is not supported by any bill or other evidence of the character of the items covered -- whether material, labor, or what. You include in the bill the sum of \$55.35 for stationery, etc., as per Schwabacher Frey & Co. bill of April 6, 1915, but the bill of that firm, which is attached to your report, is not receipted nor is there any other evidence that the firm has been paid the amount due it.

Taken as a whole, your report is entirely unsatisfactory to this office, and must be completely revised. You are directed to obtain separate bills, having them receipted, from the several firms who may have furnished any of the items included in your own bill for \$1315.60 above referred to, also for launch hire, coal, desks, repairs, wood, etc., etc. In other words, receipted bills, fully itemized, must be obtained from every person or firm to whom any school funds were paid by you as Treasurer. Also, the receipt of the teacher, showing payment to him of his salary for the year, must be obtained, as also a receipt from the janitor for his services. You submit a bill of P. Kachevareff for janitor services, \$20, which is signed "Peter Dicks, per Rev. S. R. Kachevareff", but it is noted

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--Mr. A. H. Wittenderff, Treasurer, p. 2--

that you have included in your own bill an item of \$20 for janitor services. A new bill, duly receipted, should therefore be obtained from whoever actually did the janitor work.

A moment's reflection should suffice to convince you that this office cannot accept a report from a school treasurer where the only receipt accompanying it is one which shows that the treasurer paid to himself the full amount of the school expenditures for the year, including teacher's salary and janitor service. Such a method of accounting can only be condemned in the severest terms.

You are requested to consult the regulations issued by this office, copies of which have heretofore been sent you, and in future to see that your accounts are kept in a businesslike and proper manner, and your report submitted with all necessary bills, receipts, etc., so that an intelligent check may be made of the same. A copy of the regulations in question is enclosed herewith, for ready reference. Reference is also made to previous correspondence from this office in respect to the matter of obtaining itemized, receipted bills for purchases, and receipts for teacher's salary, janitor service, etc.

Nothing will be done by this office with regard to making a requisition for funds for the school year 1915-16 until your accounts for 1914-15 have been submitted in proper and satisfactory form.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

September 16, 1915.

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Mr. A. H. Wittendorff,  
Treasurer, Nushagak School District,  
Nushagak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your report for the school year 1914-15, it is noted that you have included in your expenditures a bill from the Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co., of San Francisco, amounting to \$55.35. The following items in this bill require explanation from you as to their being proper items of expenditure for the school:

2 lbs silk gauge carbon	3.50	\$7.00
1/2 doz. mast. bxs 201	2.00	1.00
1/2 doz. Anity T W ribbons	7.50	3.75
6 150 pp Records 9	1.00	5.00
Total of items . . . . .		\$17.75

This office has never authorized the purchase of typewriter paper, ribbons, carbon paper nor record books for the Nushagak school district, and they could not properly be included under a general authority for "school supplies", since the course of study in the school does not include typewriting. There appears no good reason why these items should not be disallowed in your accounts, and they will be disallowed unless you can offer an explanation which will satisfy the Governor that the expenditure was a proper one. If you have such explanation to offer, you are requested to submit it, otherwise you will kindly eliminate these items when making up your corrected report and submitting receipted bills, etc., as asked for in another letter of this date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss ELEANOR MARY DONSON, of Latouche, Alaska, who having presented a New York State Normal and Training School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

New York State Normal  
and Training School  
Diploma, dated June  
24, 1913. (Life Diploma.)

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September 17, 1915.

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Miss Eleanor Mary Deben,  
Lateuho, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your New York State Normal and Training School Life Diploma. No letter has been received from you, but it is assumed that you wish to obtain a permit from this office authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska. Accordingly the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, has issued a permit to you, which is enclosed herewith. Your Diploma, above referred to, is being returned to you in this mail under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT authorizes Miss Effie Barbara Jealin, of Fairbanks, Alaska, to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for a period of two years from this date, she having presented satisfactory evidence of her qualifications, character and experience, as required by law. This permit is subject to revocation for cause.

GIVEN AT JUNEAU, ALASKA, September 17, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

State of Washington  
Life Diploma dated  
July 29, 1915.

September 17, 1915.

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Miss Effie Rubarda Joslin,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a copy of the Life Diploma issued to you by the University of the State of Washington on July 29, 1915, which copy is certified to as correct by Mrs. Fanny D. Johnston, Clerk of the Garden Island School District. No letter has been received from you in reference to the matter, but it is assumed that you wish to obtain an Alaska permit to teach in the white schools of the Territory. Accordingly the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, has this day issued a permit to you for the usual period of two years, and the same is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 17, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I write to inquire whether you had occasion to visit Nushagak last summer while the Floating Court was in that section, and if so, whether you can advise as to the number of white children of school age now in the school district, and also as to the teacher, who is one Alex McLean. This office has been unofficially informed that McLean is employed as a clerk or in some capacity by A. H. Mittendorf, a trader at that place, and it has also been intimated that McLean is somewhat addicted to the use of liquors. If you can give any information regarding these matters, or refer to some reliable person who can do so, it will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 18, 1915.

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Miss Hona Winn,  
General Delivery,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo in which you request information regarding the opportunities for teachers in this Territory.

In reply I beg to say that teachers in the white schools of the Territory are employed by the various school boards, the Governor's office performing no function in regard thereto. The employment of teachers in the native schools is handled through the office of Mr. V. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education, whose offices are located in the L.C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington. Teachers for the current school year have, of course, already been arranged for since in most of the school districts the school term begins early in September. I enclose herewith copy of circular form of letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries which will give you some further information regarding the white schools and which contains, also, a complete list of these schools.

Please convey my best wishes to Miss Longphre if you

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should again meet her.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Vera H. Armstrong,

Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant you are advised that instruction in manual training is provided in but a few of the Alaska schools and only one, the school at Kodiak, employs a special instructor for this branch.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 20, 1916.

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Mr. C. H. Lane,  
Chief Specialist in Agricultural Education,  
States Relations Service,  
U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 11th,  
addressed to Honorable W. E. Clark, State Superintendent  
of Public Instruction, Juneau, Alaska, my predecessor,  
who retired from office some twenty-eight months  
ago, in which you request literature issued during the  
past school year on a number of enumerated subjects,  
I have to advise you that no literature of any kind in  
connection with these subjects has been issued by the  
Territory.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 20, 1915.

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Miss Edith Lass,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The Governor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant enclosing your Illinois Teacher's Certificate and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit. Inasmuch as it appears from your letter that you hold other, and, presumably, later certificates, some of which are still in force, the Governor requests that you submit one of these in lieu of the Illinois certificate, since the latter is no longer in force.

I am returning the Illinois certificate herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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**Department of Public Instruction.**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss DORA DROWATZKY, of Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a Wisconsin State Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 30th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

State of Wisconsin  
State Normal School Diploma -  
Dated June 18, 1903.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MARY L. BINKER, Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a Utah State Grammar Grade Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 30th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Utah State Grammar Grade  
Life Diploma -  
Dated October 30, 1909.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss LIZZIE KATE PRITCHETT, Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a Diploma from San Antonio Female College, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Diploma from San Antonio:  
Female College - :  
San Antonio, Texas, :  
Dated May 20, 1903. :  
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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss EENA MILLER, of Petersburg, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for one year from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Recommendation of  
MISS A. MARY MITCHELL,  
Principal, Petersburg Public Schools,  
Dated March 22, 1915.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss AGNES JOHNSON, Petersburg, who having presented a Minnesota Common School Certificate (First Grade), and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

State of Minnesota  
Common School Certificate (First Grade)  
Dated August 1, 1914.

Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mr. L. D. HENDERSON, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a State of Idaho Certificate by Endorsement, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

State of Idaho  
Certificate by Endorsement  
Dated September 7, 1911 -  
Granted upon -  
Diploma from Tarkio College,  
Tarkio, Missouri.

Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss CRYSTAL B. SNOW, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a California State First Grade Certificate, renewed in 1914, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

California State :  
First Grade Certificate -  
Renewed in 1914. :  
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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss BLANCHE DYER, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Minnesota Normal School Diploma, dated August 2, 1905, and renewal dated September 27, 1912, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years ~~from~~ from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

- State of Minnesota :
- Normal School Diploma, :
- dated August 2, 1905 - :
- Renewed September 27, 1912. :
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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MARGARET SCOTT, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Life Diploma of Tarkie College, Tarkie, Missouri, issued in 1905, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Life Diploma of  
Tarkie College,  
Tarkie, Missouri,  
Issued in 1905.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss HAY E. TWITCHELL, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a California State Life Diploma dated September 14, 1908, and Diploma of Heald's Business College, San Francisco, dated December 20, 1909, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

California State Life Diploma,  
dated September 14, 1909 - and  
Diploma of Heald's Business College,  
San Francisco, California,  
dated December 20, 1909.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss INA FRANK PRIEST, of Thane, Alaska, who having presented a Kansas State Agricultural College Degree Certificate dated June 19, 1913, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Kansas State  
Agricultural College  
Degree Certificate -  
Dated June 19, 1913.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MINA BELL SOWERBY, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a University of Washington Five Year Certificate dated June 17, 1914, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

University of Washington  
Five Year Certificate -  
Dated June 17, 1914.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss EVELYN HOPE SULLIVAN, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Michigan State Life Diploma dated August 5, 1910, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Michigan State  
Life Diploma -  
Dated August 5, 1910.

Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss LOVINA ELIZA WILLSON, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a University of Washington Five Year Certificate dated June 18, 1913, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

University of Washington  
Five Year Certificate -  
dated June 18, 1913.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss GERTRUDE HENRIETTA WELLENTHAL, of Juneau, who having presented a Michigan State Normal School Diploma dated August 4, 1911, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Michigan State  
Normal School Diploma -  
Dated August 4, 1911.

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**Department of Public Instruction.**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss HARRIET LULU CASE, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented an Oregon State Life Certificate dated June 3, 1902, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Oregon State  
Life Certificate  
Dated June 3, 1902.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss JENNIE ELLA BRUNNEMAN, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Pennsylvania State Normal School Diploma (Life) dated June 28, 1907, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Pennsylvania State  
Normal School Diploma (Life),  
Dated June 28, 1907.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MYRL IRENE EAKIN, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a Pennsylvania State Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Pennsylvania State :  
Life Diploma - :  
Dated June 30, 1909.:  
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September 21, 1915.

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Mr. L. D. Henderson,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your Idaho State Certificate and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit thereon. Enclosed herewith you will find a permit, issued to you on the 20th instant, in response to your request. Your Idaho certificate is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 21, 1915.

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Miss Edna Miller,

Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing his letter of March 24, 1915, to you, and requesting that a teacher's permit be issued to you in accordance therewith. The Governor has issued a permit for one year, which is enclosed herewith. He directs me to say that you will be expected to qualify for teaching in Alaska, by obtaining a Normal school diploma or other certificate of an accredited school, before applying for a renewal of the Alaska permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 21, 1915.

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Miss Agnes Johnson,  
Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, addressed to the Governor, transmitting your Minnesota teacher's certificate and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit.

Enclosed you will find a permit dated the 20th instant, for the usual period of two years. The Minnesota certificate which accompanied your letter is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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September 21, 1918.

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Miss Dora Drowsky,

Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, together with diplomas held by you, Miss Pritchett and Miss Dohler, and requesting that Alaska permits be issued thereon.

Enclosed you will find permits, issued as requested. The diplomas forwarded by you are being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mrs. ANABEL READ SCOTT, of Katalla, Alaska, who having presented California and Pennsylvania Life Certificates, and satisfactory evidences of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon: *i*

State of California, and  
State of Pennsylvania  
Life Certificates.

September 21, 1915.

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Mr. John Pitcher,  
Treasurer, McCarthy School District,  
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith two copies of the Governor's message of August 18, 1915, to you, relative to the estimates submitted by your School Board, also the original and a copy of your reply as it was received at this office.

The tolls on these messages, between McCarthy and Cordova, over the Copper River & Northwestern Railway Company's line, were paid by me from personal funds. The tolls on the Governor's message to you were \$2.15, and the tolls on your reply were 75 cents, as will be noted by reference to the receipts signed therefor by the Operator in charge of the U. S. Signal Corps office at Juneau.

The Governor directs me to say that you are authorized to refund to me the amount of these tolls, aggregating \$3.90, paying the same by check (or postal money order) from the school funds of your district, when the same have been received by you from the Treasury Department. When you remit to me, kindly send, in duplicate, such receipt as you wish me to sign, which I will return to you by first mail. When the receipts have been received by you copies of the messages should be attached to each so as to complete the record.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. Almont Ake,  
104 Schaffor St.,  
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith office letter of the 1st instant, addressed to you, which was received back today, having failed to reach you on account of the street address not being on the envelope. This was an oversight on the part of this office. I trust the letter will now reach you without further delay, together with your Ohio certificate which was sent to this office with your letter of the 23d ultimo.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Anabel Brown,  
Tonino, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to teach in the native schools of Alaska, and ask for a permit therefor.

In reply you are advised that the native schools of this Territory are maintained under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., through district Superintendents stationed in the Territory. The Governor, as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, exercises no functions in connection with these schools, his jurisdiction being limited to the white schools.

Your letter is being referred to Mr. W. C. Beattie, Superintendent, Native School Service, Juneau, who will no doubt advise you as to any vacancies which may exist in his district. Mr. W. T. Lapp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education, with offices in the L. C. Smith building, Seattle, has general supervision of the native school work in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

C/C to:  
Mr. W. C. Beattie.

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Mr. W. G. Beattie,  
Superintendent, Native School Service,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Beattie:

Mrs. Louise K. Milnes, of Skagway, has applied to this office for a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska. Mrs. Milnes states that she has taught in the Government schools of the Territory, her last term being, I believe, in the school at Kake. The Governor has asked me to write you and inquire regarding Mrs. Milnes' qualifications. Can you recommend her work? She has no certificate, but offers to take an examination.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MARY BECKSTROM, of Douglas, Alaska, who having presented a State of Washington Second Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for ONE year from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 25th day of September, 1915.

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

State of Washington  
Second Grade Certificate  
Expiring June 30, 1916.

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September 27, 1915.

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Messrs. G. & C. Merriam Company,  
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and calling his attention to the merits of your New International Dictionary.

For your information I beg to advise that while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory he exercises no functions in connection with the selection of text or reference books in schools, these matters being left entirely to the school boards. The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized but this work will probably be given attention in the future under an act recently passed by the Alaska Legislature.

There is enclosed herewith copy of circular form used by this office, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Mrs. Emma Chacey,  
Teacher, Mendenhall School,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing your Washington State Certificate, which is submitted in connection with your recent verbal request for an Alaska Teacher's Permit.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you for the usual period of two years. Your Washington State certificate is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction,

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MESS EMMA CHASEY, of Mendanahall, Alaska, who having presented a Second Grade Certificate of the Common Schools of the State of Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 28th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Second Grade Certificate  
Common Schools of the  
State of Washington -  
Dated December 15, 1914.  
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