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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. July 6, 1895.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y. Supt.

*Estimate for
Fiscal Year Ending
June 30 - 1897. and
Suggestions for
improvements at
School.*

J. Slater

In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

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Carlisle, Pa., July 6, 1895.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

Replying to yours of the 2nd of July, marked Finance, in regard to estimates for the year 1897, I have to respectfully advise you that we closed the last school year with 633 pupils on our rolls. I expect quite a number of those who went home to return to us, notwithstanding the adverse influences and devices to prevent. I would renew the suggestions in my letter dated December 19, 1894, in which I suggested that we undertake 1500 pupils for the fiscal year 1896, at a cost of \$157,500. for transportation and support, which suggestions were not accepted by Congress, and I am not informed that they were favored by the Interior Department. To round out our capacity here, so as to handle this number of students, there should be some slight increase in our buildings, as follows.

We need a Laundry building better located, and separated from all other buildings. Our present Laundry is in the rear of the Kitchen, and has three stories. The wash is about

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10,000 pieces per week while the school is in session, which is an increase of about one-half over what the wash amounted to when the present Laundry was erected. We need a two story building, 40x80 feet, which would cost to erect and equip, \$4600. This would vacate the present Laundry, which we could use for kitchen purposes, and thus increase our Dining Room capacity, and would give us additional and needed room on the 3rd floor for the Girls' Industrial Department.

Our work-shops, created out of the old Cavalry stables, and practically without cost to the Government, have so far served the purpose very well. We have been pioneers in industrial education, and in the beginning our buildings served well. They are now too limited in space, and ought to be made more complete in every way. My plan would be to add a 2nd story upon the present walls. This would require \$3000.

We have always been greatly inconvenienced by the round-about way into town, and the back-alley quality of the road out of our premises. I have been to the town council, and they have declared a street opening from the west, across the Letort Spring, directly into one of the principal streets of the town. This will greatly shorten our route into town and relieve us of the necessity of passing some of the lowest places in the town as we now have to do. If we get the street, as it will be entirely for

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our accommodation, we should grade and macadamize it and bridge the Letort. To do this will cost \$3000. Nearly one-half the side-walking, bridging, &c., will be upon our own grounds.

I therefore respectfully suggest that the estimate for Carlisle during the fiscal year 1897, carry---

For transportation and support, including repairs,	\$157,500.00
For the erection of a Laundry building, and the remodeling and enlarging of the present Dining Room and Laundry building, -----	4,600.00
For the grading, macadamizing, and sidewalking of a street from the school to East street, including the bridging of Letort spring, -----	3,000.00
For remodeling and enlarging work-shops, -----	3,000.00
making a total of-----	<u>\$168,100.00</u>

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cavy., Supt.

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