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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,  
July 14, 1906.

Maj. W. A. Mercer,  
Supt.

Reports relative to approxi-  
mate cost of returning Alaskan  
pupils to their homes.

*Trans to Ft. July 18/06*  
*To Supt. July 20/906*  
*" Sec'y. Sept. 4/1906*  
 To Supt. - Sept. 10, 1906.

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and in order to reach home before navigation closes they will have  
to start without very much delay.

Very respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

Major Fifth Cavalry,

Superintendent.

## Finance

I note that our  
Transportation fund  
this year permits it  
to be used for funding  
Alaskan, home, while  
I don't know I assume  
the Com<sup>r</sup> had these at  
Carlisle in mind  
when he put that in,  
I also have an idea  
that some other bill  
also appropriate, some  
money for this purpose,  
you know I presume  
the different appro.  
acts & can see, if so  
it will relieve our  
fund. July 17/06  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE PA.

July 14, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to Office letter "Education 56676/1906", dated the 10th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, directing that a definite report be made as to the number of Alaskan pupils to be returned and the approximate cost, I have to say that there are 20 Alaskan pupils whose period of enrollment has expired. There are also seven others who are in ill health and should be sent home on that account. In addition there are eight here whose period of enrollment will have expired by the end of the present fiscal year. This makes a total of 35 pupils.

Several months ago we took up the matter of rates for Alaskan pupils with the railroad and steamship lines and secured a rate of one-half regular fare from Chicago to Seattle and a rate of two-thirds regular steerage fare over steamship lines from Seattle to Alaskan points. Based on these rates it is believed that the cost of returning the above mentioned pupils will be approximately as follows:

For 27 pupils to go at once, approximate cost, - - - -	\$1805.85
For Sleeping car fare, Harrisburg to Seattle for 10 pupils in ill health, at \$12.00 each, - - - -	120.00
For 8 pupils whose time will expire in 1907, - - - - -	560.00
	<u>\$2485.85</u>

It is difficult to determine definitely the cost of transportation from Seattle to the various homes of these pupils, but it is believed the figures given are approximately correct. The fare at present from Carlisle to Seattle, based on half rate beyond Chicago, is \$48.05 each.

The homes of some of these pupils are very remotely situated and in order to reach home before navigation closes they will have to start without very much delay.

Very respectfully,

*M. A. Mercer*

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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