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Admittance of  
St. Regis pupils  
at Carlisle School.

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Volney J. Ellis, Esq.,  
Superintendent St. Regis Indian Schools,  
Hogansburg, New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 26, by reference from the Secretary, concerning the admittance of St. Regis Indians to the Carlisle School.

Because of the provision made by your State for the Education of Indian children in schools near their homes, children of New York parents have been refused admittance to the Carlisle School, as well as to all other nonreservation schools.

An order has recently been issued prohibiting the acceptance of any Indian children in the nonreservation schools, who are not 14 years old or over. A copy of this order is inclosed for your information.

Such New York Indians as do not live on their reservations during the winter months should locate themselves so that their children could attend public schools, in accordance with the present policy of this Office.

Very respectfully,

*(Signed) R. G. Valentine,*

Acting Commissioner.

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May 26, 1909.

The Secretary of  
the Interior,  
Washington, N. Y.



Dear Sir:-

The Superintendent of the Carlisle School for Indians refuses to admit any <sup>one</sup> from this reservation that is under fourteen, and to pay railroad fare to and from the school. Is this lawful? He assigns as a reason the frequent requests for the return of children after only a few months residence at his school. Why not make the parents consent to commitment strong enough to obviate the necessity of returning a child at the caprice of the parent?

Many of the Indians live on the reservation only a few months in summer. Their children do not attend school more than two months during the year. Many of them are bright. Can you do nothing for them?

Supt. of St. Regis  
Indian Schools.

Respectfully Yours,  
Wm. J. Ellis