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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Francis:

I have your letter of January 10, recommending that the new course of study be so modified at the Carlisle school that arrangements may be made to send out parties of outing pupils from the school in April, such parties not to include seniors. This deviation from the new course of study is permitted on account of the unusual and abnormal conditions which prevail at the present time, and for the reason that a large number of applications from farm patrons for both boys and girls have been made to you, and we wish to comply with the needs of the country.

It is understood that in following this plan, you will carry out the rest of the course so as to give the students the largest amount of instruction possible within the allotted time, and require that in each case before going on the outing they should take an examination, to be prepared and given in accordance with Circular No. 1384. Students who pass these examinations may be given credit for the full year's work, and upon their return to school next fall, their right to promotion to the next following grade may be made, such assistance to be given them as may be necessary to make up for instructions lost through the early closing of the school this year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cate Sells

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Commissioner.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
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Sir:

I am receiving a very large number of applications from farm patrons for boys and girls to go out under the Outing System. It is believed that, due to the scarcity of help, we will have far more applications than usual and many of the applicants will want pupils by the 1st of April. Until last year it was the practice of this school to send Outing pupils to the country at that time. However, due to the institution of the new course of study, pupils were not sent to the country last year until June, much to the disappointment of many applicants.

We have two methods to pursue this year. Under the first we would hold pupils here until the conclusion of the proposed complete school year as required by the new course of study which would come in June. This would mean that practically no boys, except possibly in the pre-vocational division, could go under the Outing sufficiently early to be of great benefit to the farming community during the planting time.

Second, we would suspend the course of study this year so as to permit us to send out Outing parties about the 1st of April. This, however, because of the derth of labor, would be a patriotic thing to do and is in accord with the general policy followed by many institutions throughout the country. In particular, I have in mind the Pennsylvania State College which will close in April so that its pupils can assist in Agricultural work. If this plan is followed we would arrange the rest of the course so as to


Each year of absence

give the students the largest amount of instruction possible within the allotted time and require that in every case before going on the Outing they should take an examination to be prepared and given in accordance with circular #1384 and if they passed these examinations they would be given credit for the full year's work and upon their return to school next fall their right to promotion to the next following grade would have been determined and arrangements could be made to assist them where it is necessary because of instruction lost through the early closing of the school this year.

By placing a number of children on the Outing the running expenses of the institution could be materially decreased.

I recommend, therefore, that the new course of study be modified at this school during the present year to a sufficient extent to permit me to make such arrangements as may be necessary to send out parties from the school in April. Such parties would not, of course, include Seniors.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent

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