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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to furnish generally to persons who are interested, and more especially to educators and students of education, the names of and the main facts pertaining to 260 school consolidations in all parts of the United States.

The term "consolidations" is used because the kinds of educational organizations about which data are given vary so much that some word more inclusive than either "consolidated schools" or "consolidated districts" seems to be necessary. The range of institutions here named is from the little two-teacher school to the large elementary and high school junior college. The list includes (1) single small schools that are parts of county systems, (2) districts with one school, (3) districts nearly equivalent to a county in extent and maintaining 20 or more schools, (4) town and township elementary and high schools, (5) union and county high schools, (6) county secondary schools, and (7) city systems created by consolidation.

It is hoped that the essential items given here about specific consolidations will aid those who are furthering the movement to assemble children in larger groups for educational purposes, both by showing conditions under which consolidations are being maintained and by naming for the inquirer places to which he may write for information or which he may visit and study.

While 260 consolidations, and those not a random selection, constitute too small a percentage of the 12,000 or more consolidations in the United States to make it possible to draw exact conclusions, it is believed that the list is representative of the entire group and that the averages and general characteristics shown here are good indications of what is to be found in all the educational institutions of this class.

HOW THE DATA WERE OBTAINED

Early in the school year 1922-23 each State department of education was asked to send to the Bureau of Education the names of 10 or more successful consolidated schools, the desire on the part of the bureau being to obtain a list of representative consolidations in all the States. The names of 442 were received. A questionnaire asking for the data embodied in Table 5, page 20, and a few additional items was sent to each of these in January, 1923. In the latter part

of March a second request was made of those that had not then replied. Returns came from 260 consolidations. All data are for the fall term of 1922. Very few superintendents answered all the questions, and no one question was answered by all. In general the replies were tabulated exactly as they were received, only the obvious errors being corrected.

Believing it best that educators should know of all the kinds of schools, districts, and even school systems that are being considered consolidations, the author has omitted no returns, even though he doubted whether the educational units from which some of them came belong properly in this classification. The lists of the State departments of education were accepted as authoritative.

The bureau gratefully acknowledges the kindness and promptness with which the superintendents and principals filled out and returned the questionnaires. Only a few of the many excellent photographs that were sent can be reproduced in this bulletin, but all are of value in studies of consolidation and may be used in other ways.

In Table 5, page 20, will be found the names and the post-office addresses of the consolidations. The names of the principals or superintendents are not given because the personnel of administration in these as well as other schools changes rather rapidly. Information may be obtained directly from any consolidation listed by writing to "The Superintendent of Consolidated School" at the post-office address given.

This table also contains data in detail regarding: (a) The amount of consolidation effected in each case, as it is shown by the number of schools or districts united; (b) the strength of the resultant organization as indicated by the area served, the assessed valuation, the value of the school property, and the annual income; (c) the organization and size of the consolidation as determined by the enrollment in high school and elementary grades; (d) the salaries of the teaching staff; and (e) seven items relating to the transportation system that is maintained by the consolidation. Salaries of superintendents and principals are not given because of the personal nature of the information. They are discussed in general on page 6 and shown in distribution Table 17, page 37.

Table 6, page 32, is a summary of nearly all the data returned in the questionnaires. The maxima, minima, and medians of the items given in detail in Table 5, page 20, and a large number of other items are shown. In this summary the statistics are divided into three classes—those relating to finance, organization and instruction, and transportation. The median in each item, with the exception of those for salaries of teachers and superintendents, represents what the average consolidation is doing. For example, the median

consolidation transports pupils 4.7 miles one way. . No attempt has been made to find the median distance traveled by the 31,186 children. The purpose of the medians is to show the characteristics of the type consolidation, not to determine what is happening to some individual pupil or person in the system.

A few of the more important distribution tables arranged in determining the medians for the typical consolidation are given. Students of consolidation who care to work out such data as the quartiles, amount of variation, etc., will find them a help. The medians given were obtained by actual count, not by computation based on the theory of equal intervals.

Chapter I

THE TYPICAL SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION, COMPARATIVE STANDARDS, AND VARIATIONS FROM THE TYPE

The typical school consolidation.—A typical school consolidation, basing the type on the 260 reports returned, may be described with a fair degree of accuracy from the medians given in Table 6, page 32. This typical school, the middle one in the important characteristics about which data were gathered, is not entirely theoretical, for the medians form a consistent outline of a consolidation that can be established and maintained, and some of the consolidations listed do not vary very widely from it in essential particulars. The description of the type is:

It is town consolidation not more than 6 or 7 years old; for, although four of the consolidations reporting were established before 1882, more than four-fifths of them, 246, were formed in the last 12 years. It is the result of uniting five districts or schools and abandoning four schoolhouses. The word "~~consolidated~~" may or may not be a part of its legal name. There are more than 30 different legal designations for the 260 consolidations, but "consolidated" is a part of only 92 of the 260 names.

It serves an area of 36 square miles. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in the area is \$1,250,000, or about \$4,500 for each child enrolled in school. It has a bonded debt of approximately \$36,000, assumed shortly after the consolidation was effected, in order to build a new building. That debt, since it is not more than 2.8 per cent of the assessed valuation of the area served by the consolidation, is not unduly burdensome.

The school grounds are 5 acres in extent and are valued at \$1,500. The buildings are estimated to be worth \$48,000, the equipment \$5,000, and the transportation vehicles \$2,500, making a school plant that is valued at a total of \$57,000. The investment is equivalent to 4.6 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property within the area of the consolidation. It amounts to \$203 for each pupil enrolled.

The annual income of the consolidation is \$22,450, or \$80 to \$84 for each child enrolled in school, \$91 to \$95 for each child in average daily attendance. The income, derived largely from local taxes, is expended for a superintendent at a salary of \$2,100 per annum, high-school teachers at \$1,425, and elementary teachers at \$1,120. A little more than \$3,000 of the income, 14 per cent, is spent to transport children to and from school.

The school is organized on the 8-4 plan, enrolling 204 children in the elementary grades, 76 in the high school. The average daily attendance is 91 per cent of the enrollment. The teaching staff of 11 persons, including the superintendent, is divided on a basis of 6 or 7 in the elementary grades and 5 or 4 in the high school. Of the elementary teachers, 4 are normal school or college graduates, the other 2 or 3 are graduates of 4-year high schools. At least 2 of the high-school teachers and the principal or superintendent are college graduates; the other 1 or 2 are normal or high-school graduates with training in some special subject. The superintendent has had training in school administration or supervision, or both. Each of nine members of the staff has had more than two years of experience in teaching.

Shortly after the consolidation was established it began transporting pupils. It now maintains five routes, transports 110 (43 per cent) of the children enrolled an average of 4.7 miles one way in 35 minutes at a cost of 3.8 cents per child per mile per day.

The school building has special rooms for home economics, manual training, physics and chemistry, and for the library. There is an auditorium with a seating capacity of 400. The consolidation leads in some lines of community activities, such as parent-teacher meetings, musicals, plays, and athletic events.

Comparisons with other types and standards.—It is pertinent to ask how the standards set by the medians for this typical school compare with averages for the United States and any other standards that may have been fixed arbitrarily or determined from data. Statistics of education have been compiled usually not so much to determine the characteristics of the average school or institution as to ascertain the common practice in some one phase of education. However, the data gathered biennially for State school systems of the United States and State annual, biennial, and special reports offer some bases for comparison.

There is an average of one schoolhouse for every 11 square miles of land in the United States; so the school consolidations are serving an area three times that served by the average school. In the few cases in which the least area that may constitute a consolidation is fixed by law, the limits are below those that are being attained in actual practice as shown here. Minimum areas for consolidation are set at 25 square miles, unless there is an assessed valuation of \$500,000 or more, in Oklahoma; at 18 square miles in North Dakota; 12 in Minnesota; and 25 in Nebraska. In Mississippi a district of less than 25 square miles may not issue bonds. The fact that a median area for 223 consolidations in all parts of the United States is 36 square miles, more than one-third higher than the largest of the legal minima set, indicates an encouraging tendency to make the most of possibilities rather than to do only what is required.

As to the assessed valuation of the property that may be taxed to maintain the consolidation, the figure of \$1,250,000 is below that thought by some workers in consolidation to be a good standard. It is above the average that is actually working out in some of the States. In one case leaders of the consolidation movement are striving for an assessed valuation of at least \$2,000,000, and a report for 1922 for 77 consolidations in that State shows a median of \$1,450,000. In another case the median for more than 100 consolidations is only \$263,000.

The maximum ratio that bonded debt may bear to the assessed value of taxable property is fixed by law in 31 States. Five per cent is the limit in nearly half the cases; so the median bonded debt of 2.8 per cent is a fair indication that communities are not in general mortgaging themselves too heavily that they may build good school plants for consolidated schools.

Data recently gathered by the Bureau of Education on the salaries of 191,241 country teachers and 12,560 principals show that in 1923 teachers of one-room schools received \$729 per annum; those of two-room schools, \$737; those in schools of three or more rooms in the open country, \$843; in consolidated schools, \$964; and in country village schools, \$1,141. The principalship of the organized rural high school paid \$1,916.¹ The median salaries for the 1,813 grade teachers, 1,330 high-school teachers, and 280 superintendents and principals reported by the 260 consolidations listed here are higher than those given above. In both cases the data show that the consolidated schools may have better teachers than the smaller schools, because they pay better salaries.

That they *do* have better teachers is very evident when the staff of this average consolidation, and the following table showing the training and experience of the teachers in all the consolidations reporting, are taken into consideration. It is unusual to find a group of elementary teachers of whom 59 per cent are graduates of normal schools or colleges, or of high-school teachers of whom 72 per cent are college graduates and 19 per cent normal-school graduates. Moreover, four-fifths of these teachers have had two or more years of experience.

TABLE 1.—*Training and experience of teachers*

Teachers	Number of consolidations reporting	College graduates	Normal graduates	High-school graduates	No graduation	Two or more years' experience	Total
Elementary teachers:							
Number.....	233	150	960	651	138	1,500	1,929
Per cent.....		7.7	51.3	33.7	7.1	82.8	100
High-school teachers:							
Number.....	222	1,023	268	93	26	1,124	1,410
Per cent.....		72.5	19	7	1.8	80	100

¹ Salaries of Country Teachers in 1923, by Alex Summers, Rural School Leaflet No. 24.

In other ways the typical consolidation is above the general average of schools. Thirty-seven per cent of its enrollment is in the high school. For the United States the high-school students are 12.3 per cent of the enrollment. Its per cent of average daily attendance is 91, as against 79.2 per cent for the country at large. Its expenditures are approximately \$80 per enrolled child and \$91 for each child in average daily attendance. Corresponding figures for the schools of the Nation in 1922 are \$68.02 and \$85.71. The school property has a valuation of \$203 per pupil enrolled in the typical consolidation, while in all schools it amounts to \$129. The consolidation is spending 14 per cent of its income for transportation, but for the United States expenditures for pupil transportation amount to only 2 per cent of the total of current expenses.

In general the data for the consolidations listed show that the average school consolidation is stronger than the average school of the United States in such very important characteristics as wealth that is taxed for school purposes, in value and suitability of school buildings and grounds, in school income, and in salaries, training, and experience of teachers.

Variations from the type consolidation.—The average for school consolidations can be raised by forming new consolidations that will be above the standards set by the medians or by strengthening those consolidations already formed that are below the average. For that reason it is well to consider some of the variations from the type, especially those above the average, with a view to showing what the stronger consolidations are. Among the more important things to be considered are the assessed valuation of the taxable property behind the school, the area served, the school income, the school buildings and sites, and the school organization, enrollment, and attendance.

In assessed valuation of property that may be taxed to maintain the school, the highest figure reported is \$63,000,000. Fourteen of the consolidations have 49 per cent of the assessed valuation shown in 216 returns. These 14 are city schools, county and union high schools, and schools located in unusually rich coal or oil fields. Some of them owe their strength to favorable natural conditions; others represent strong centralizations brought about under very unfavorable conditions by careful organization. Fifteen of the consolidations report an assessed valuation of more than \$20,000 for each child enrolled in school, about 5 times that of the median and more than 1,000 times the lowest valuation, \$18. These inequalities in distribution of wealth and distribution of school children are probably as great in this group of consolidations as they are in any other class of schools in the United States. They must be overcome in some way, if children are to have equal educational advantages; and the

strong consolidations, set up in unfavorable natural conditions, through good organization are ample proof that they can be overcome to a considerable extent.

- Thirty-two of the consolidations serve areas of more than 100 square miles each. With good auto busses, most consolidations should be able to care for all the children in a radius of at least 6 or

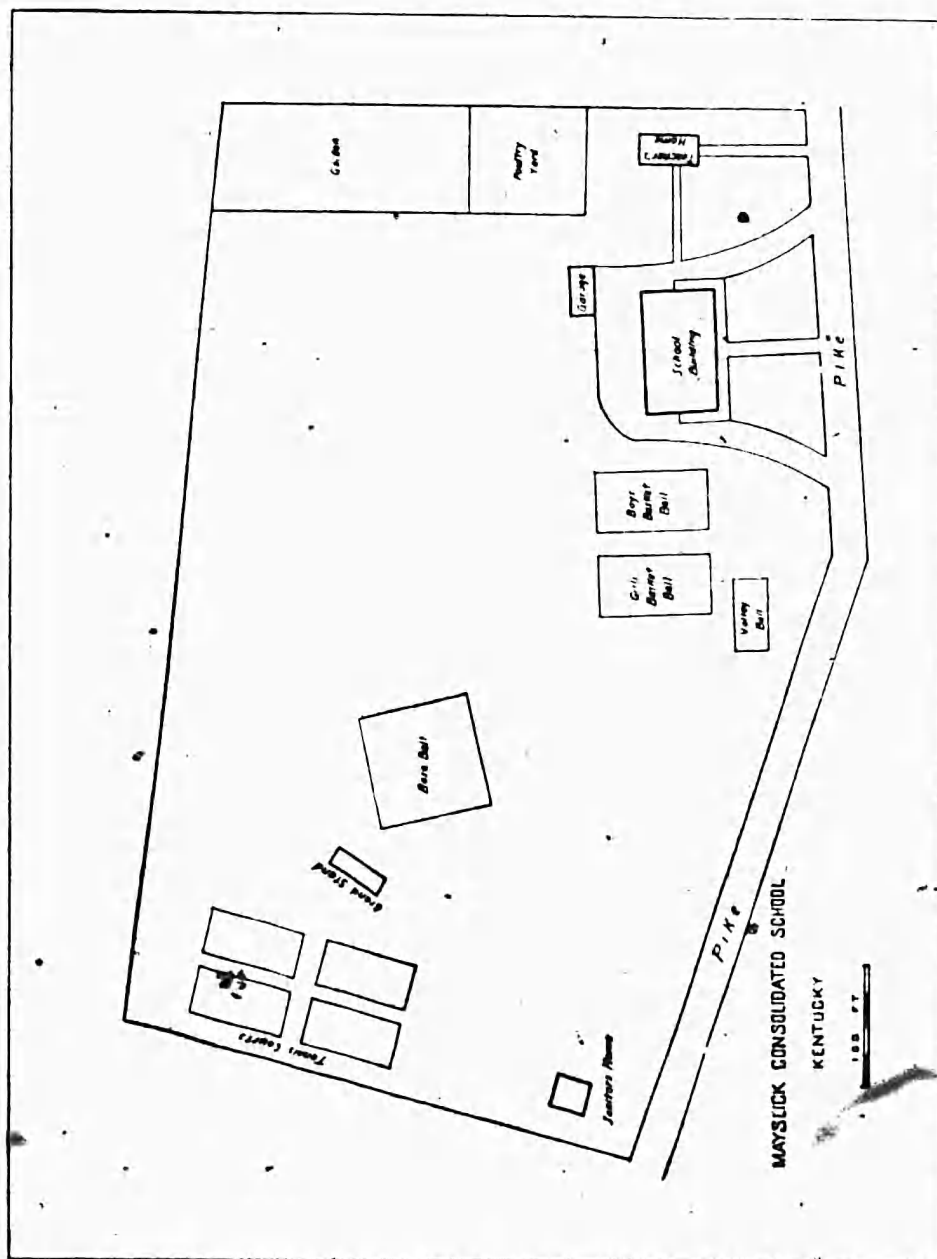


FIG. 1.—School grounds of 10 acres, valued at \$3,000. They afford play space for 323 elementary and 64 high-school pupils.

7 miles. The median of 36 square miles is lower than it now needs to be.

The total area, 17,817.5 square miles, served by 223 consolidations, is more than that of Massachusetts and Vermont combined. The two States maintain 5,794 schools.

Total school incomes ranging from \$1,157 to \$572,000 mean, of course, a range from a school that can hardly employ one well-trained

teacher to an institution that may command much of the highest grade of professional service. Incomes per enrolled pupil of from \$11 to \$526, and per pupil in average daily attendance of from \$15 to \$992, even taking into full consideration any differences in costs for different sections of the country, indicate a range from very meager educational offerings to the best type given in the United States.

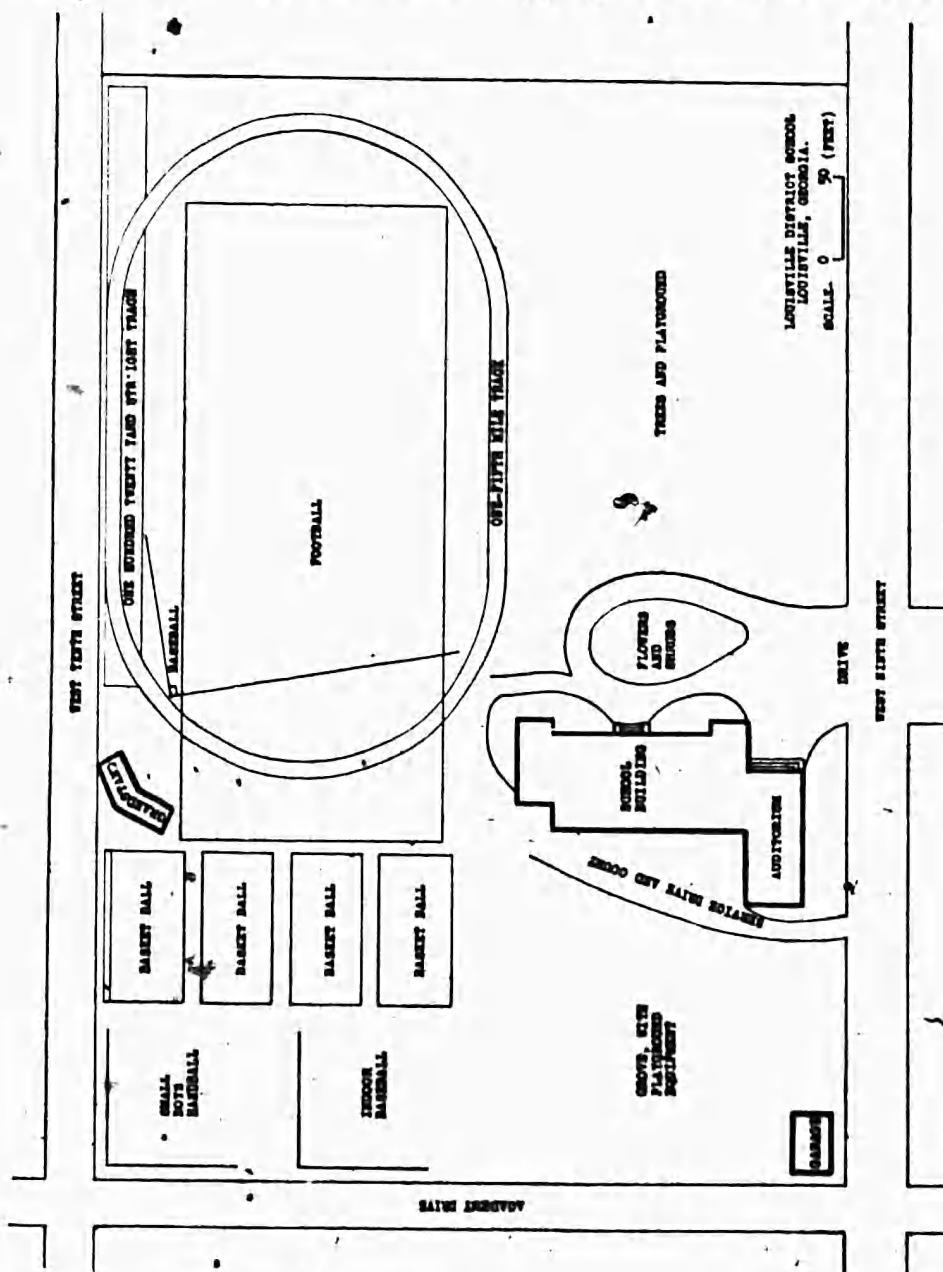


FIG. 2.—School grounds of 8½ acres, valued at \$4,000. The school enrolls 300 pupils in the grades and 90 in the high school

The consolidations listed that have per pupil incomes above the average for the country at large are financially prepared to do good work. The 48 consolidations that may expend \$110 or more for each pupil should be giving a splendid kind of training.

It is noteworthy that the open country consolidations have median incomes practically equal to those of the city, town, and village groups.

Consolidation creates a greater interest in the schools, and the patrons are usually willing to make the effort necessary to build new buildings, have better equipment, and provide a generally better school plant. Of these consolidations, 183 reported that new buildings were erected as a result of consolidation. The buildings cost a total of \$11,230,898. Seven were built that cost over \$200,000 each. One of them represents an investment of \$800,000.

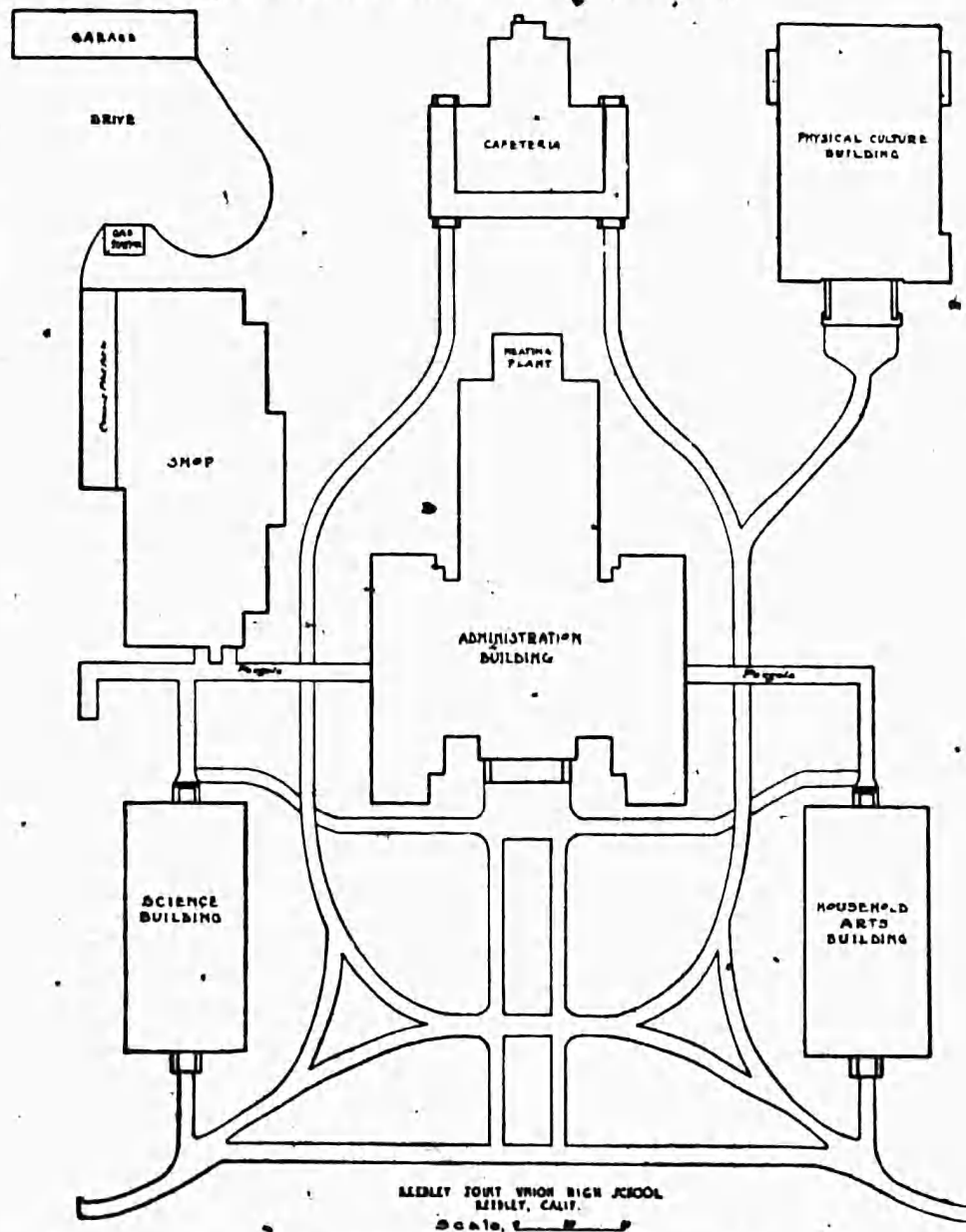


FIG. 3.—High-school grounds of 15 acres, valued at \$25,000, for an enrollment of 450 pupils

Most of the consolidations have school plants considerably above the average for the United States. Some of them have very fine plants. The total value of the school property, including sites, buildings, equipment, transportation vehicles, and teachers' homes, owned by 243 of the consolidations, is estimated to be \$22,708,694. That is more than the valuation of the public school property in each

of 15 States. There are six of the consolidations which have, each, over half a million dollars invested in the plant.

The range of value of school property per pupil enrolled is from \$11 to \$5,479, with a median of approximately \$200. The distribution table (see Table 14, p. 36) shows that in 23 of the consolidations the school property is worth more than \$500 for each enrolled pupil. The average in seven States in 1922 was less than \$50, while only five States and the District of Columbia had an average above \$200, the highest being \$226. Only 65 of the 236 consolidations that reported have school property per enrolled pupil valued at less than the average for the United States.

Ample grounds for play, for outdoor science work, and for the æsthetic effect that may be produced are almost as necessary for a good school as the building is. No consolidation should place its school building on a small site. There is little danger of erring on the side of too large grounds.

In this list of consolidations only 13 have grounds of less than 1 acre. Twelve have large pieces of land ranging from 22 to 170 acres. The usual areas reported are 2, 3, 4, and 5 acres. The median is 5 acres, valued at \$1,500. One consolidation reports a 7-acre site worth \$143,000. While very few can or need to have grounds of such great value as this, there can be little justification for any consolidation going without the land necessary for all its school activities since good sites can be procured for an average of \$300 per acre or of \$170 per acre in the open country.

Each school superintendent was asked to send a plat of the school grounds. Fifty-four complied with the request, but only a few of the sketches were drawn to a designated scale and so arranged that they could be reproduced for illustration. Plats of fairly typical school grounds in Kentucky, Georgia, South Dakota, and California are here shown.

Classified by number of years offered in the course, there are 10 kinds of school organization in the consolidations listed.

TABLE 2.—*Kinds of school organization.*

Length of course offered, in years	Plan of organization			Number of consolidations	Length of course offered, in years	Plan of organization			Number of consolidations
	Elementary grades	High-school grades	Junior college			Elementary grades	High-school grades	Junior college	
5.....	4	1	.....	1	11.....	8	3	.....	10
6.....	2	4	.....	1	12.....	7	4	.....	20
8.....	8	0	.....	23	13.....	8	4	.....	133
9.....	6	2	.....	1	4.....	6	6	.....	20
10.....	9	0	.....	2	13.....	7	5	.....	1
	6	3	.....	1	14.....	9	4	.....	4
	7	2	.....	1			4	.....	6
	8	2	.....	6				2	2
	6	4	.....	2	Total.....				258
	7	3	.....	10					

Combined elementary and high schools organized on the 8-4 or 7-4 basis make up 167 of the consolidations. There are 23 purely elementary consolidations offering only 8-year courses; none offer only 7-year courses. The junior-senior high-school organization, with its manifest advantages, is reported by only 24 consolidations.

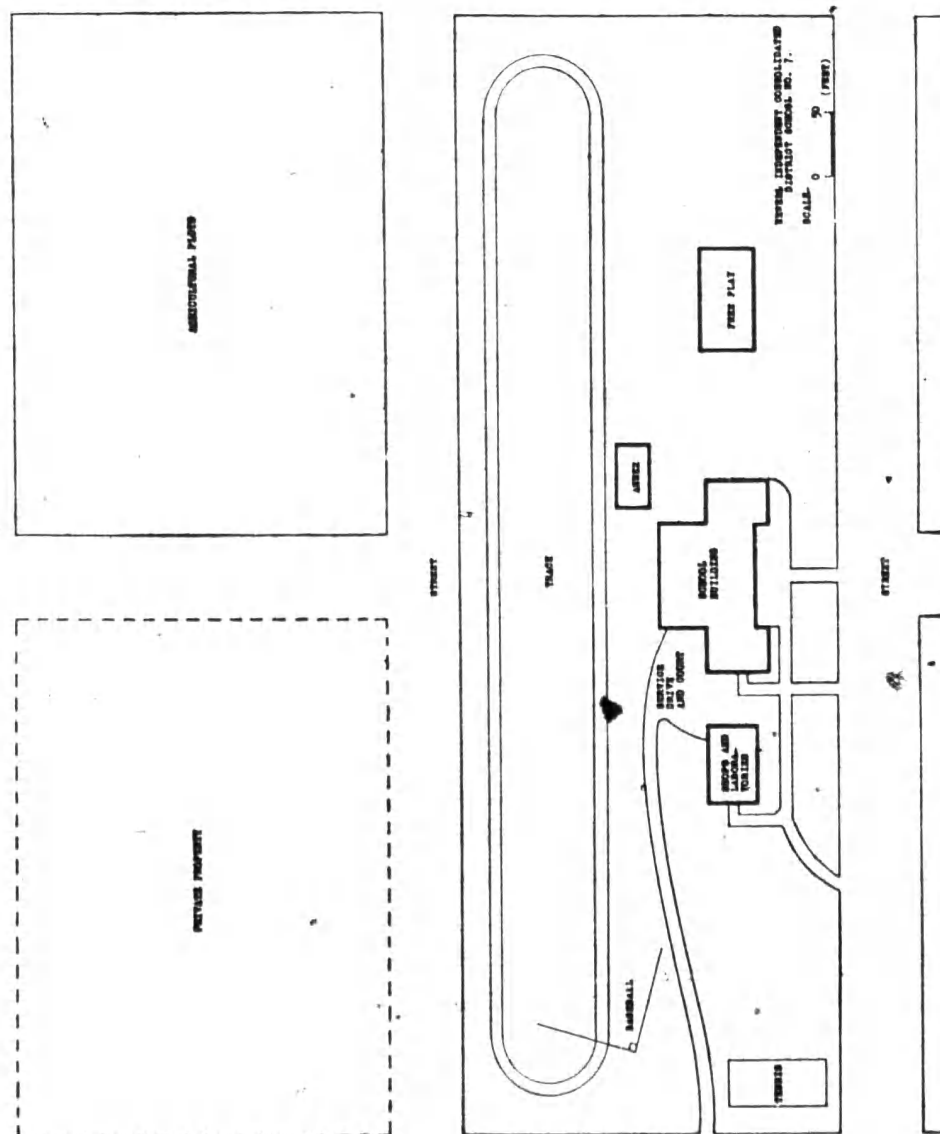
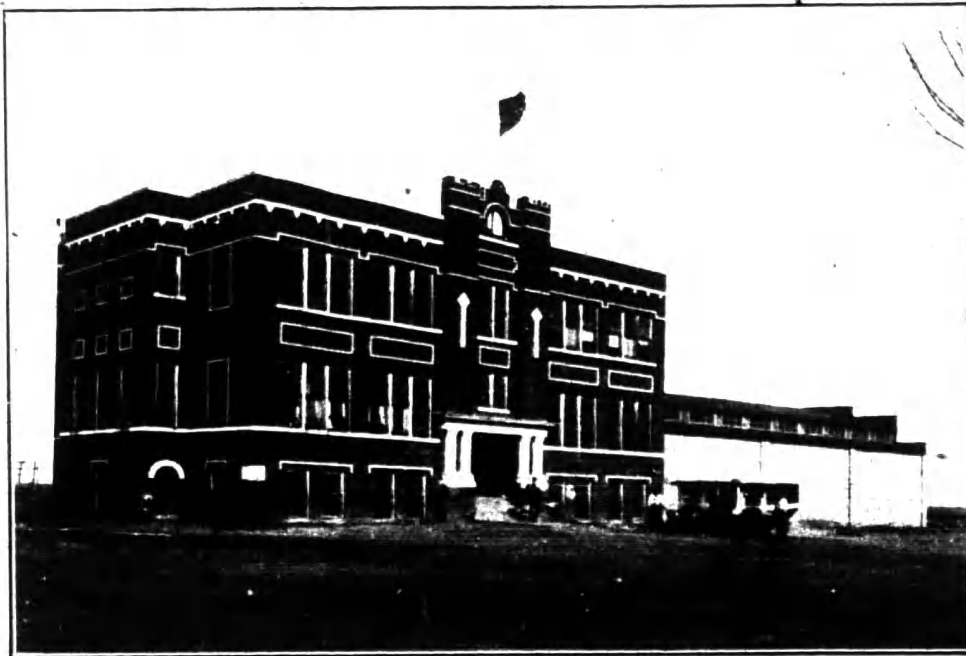


FIG. 4.—School grounds of 9 acres, valued at \$6,600. Enrollment, 65 in high school and 310 in the grades

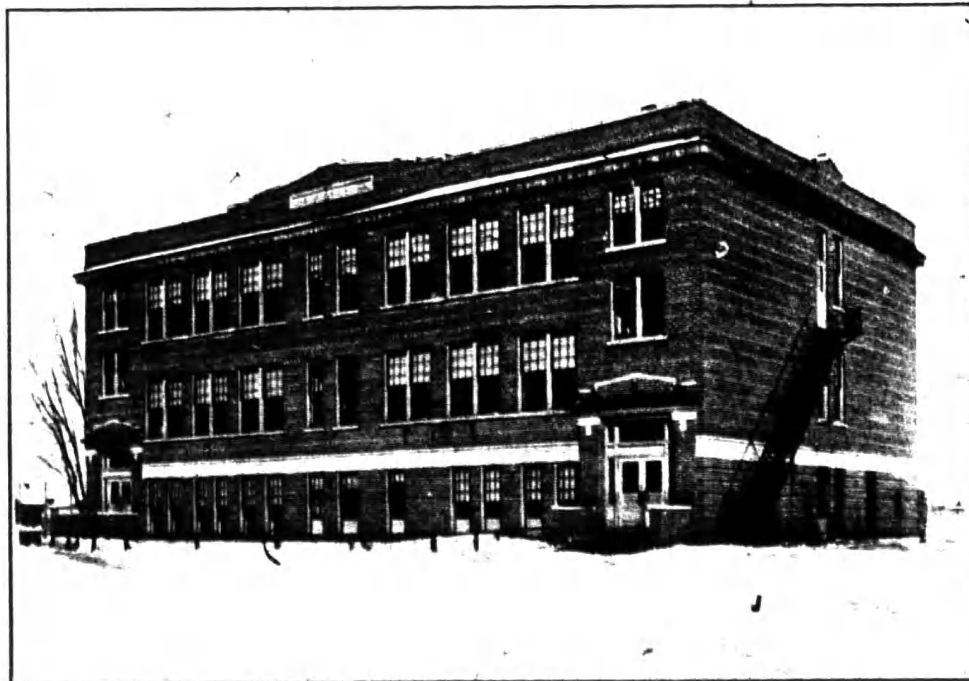
The junior college made possible by consolidation is shown here in two instances.

The medians of elementary and high-school enrollment are 204—enough pupils for an 8-grade school with an average of 25 in each grade—and 76. A school of that size with a good plant may be a very strong one. Some of the advocates of consolidation believe



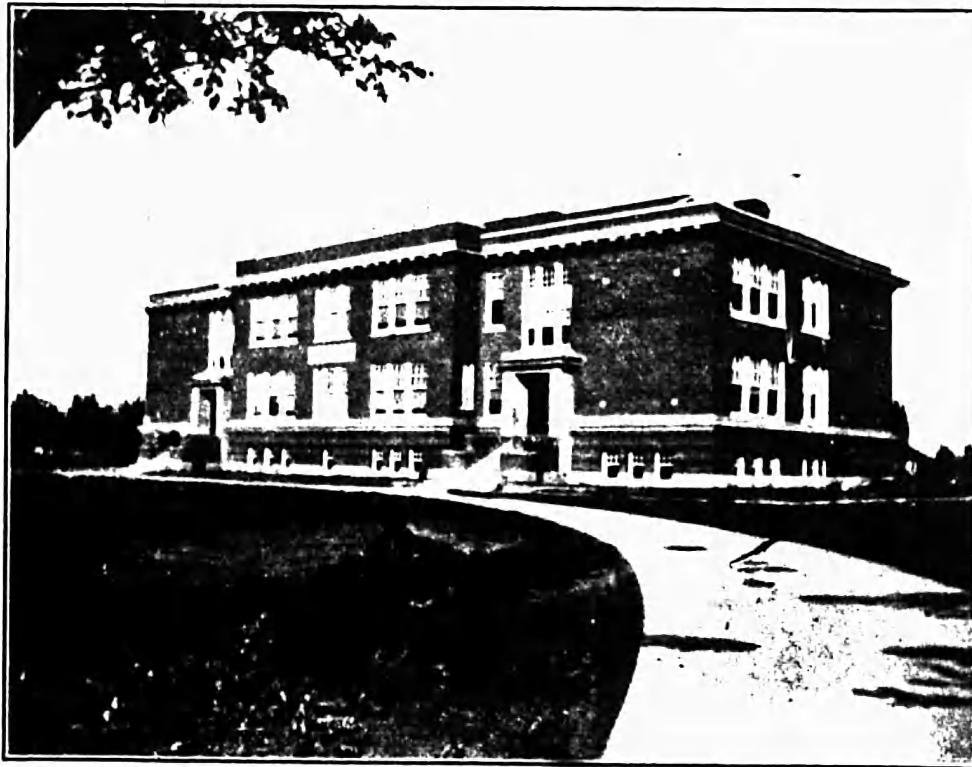
1. CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT NO. 14, DUKE, OKLA.

A \$20,000 building. There are special rooms for the library, music, physics and agriculture, and a gymnasium-auditorium that will accommodate 500 people.



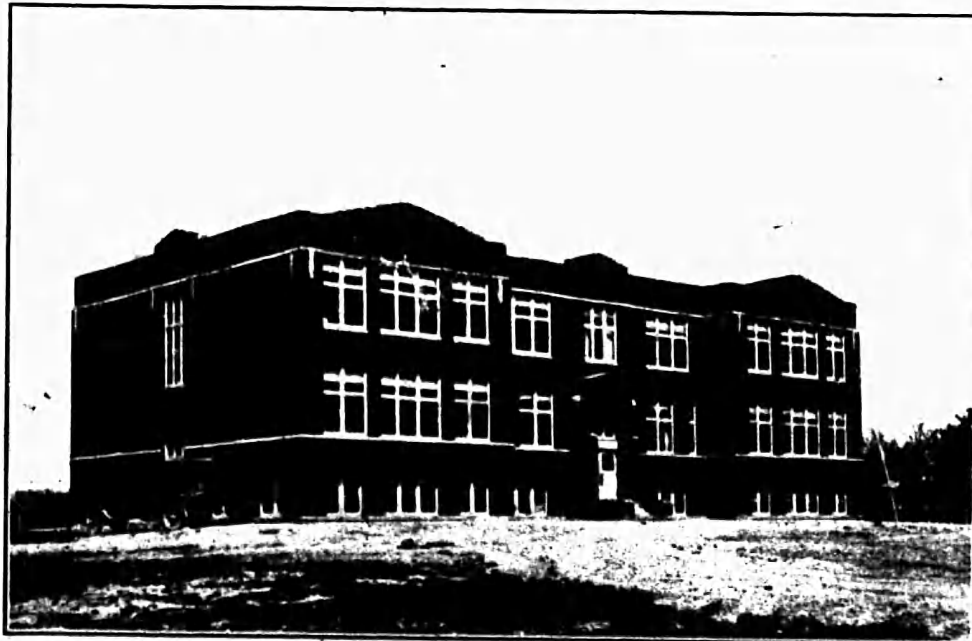
2. WAUSAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WAUSAUKEE, WIS.

A school plant valued at \$35,000. There are special rooms for physics, home economics, manual training, medical inspection, and a teachers' rest room. The auditorium will seat 200 people.



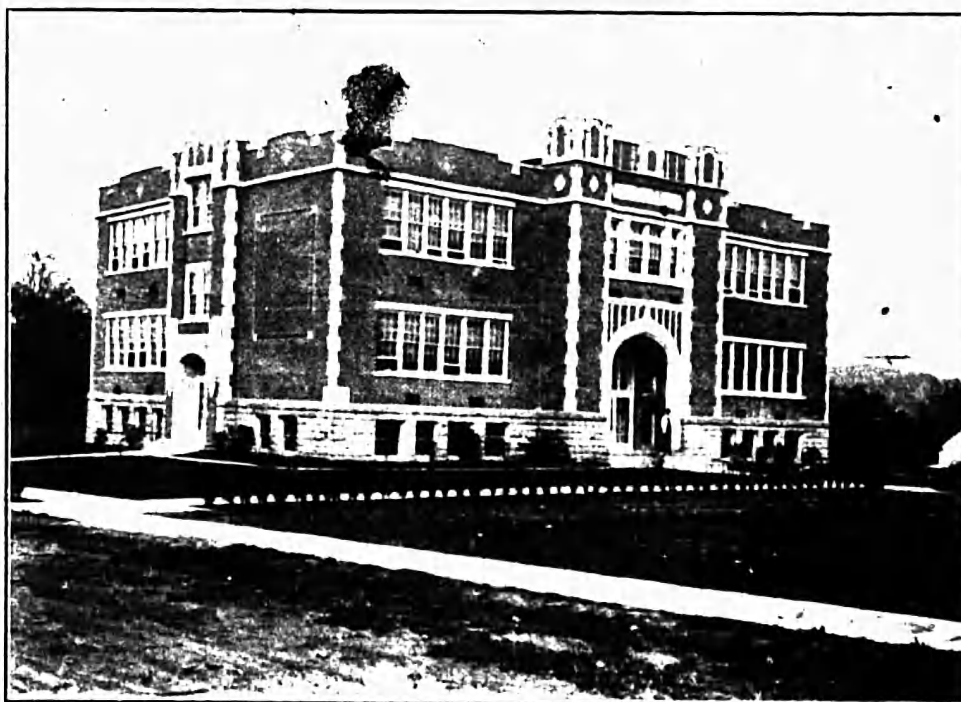
A. INDEPENDENT DISTRICT NO. 10, GOODING, IDAHO

High-school building valued at \$60,000. Equipped for science teaching, home economics, manual training, music, athletics, and community work.



B. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CENTRALIZED SCHOOL, LEWISTON, OHIO

A \$60,000 building erected as a result of centralization. It accommodates 275 pupils. There are laboratories, a teachers' rest room, separate gymnasium, and an auditorium that will accommodate 500 people.



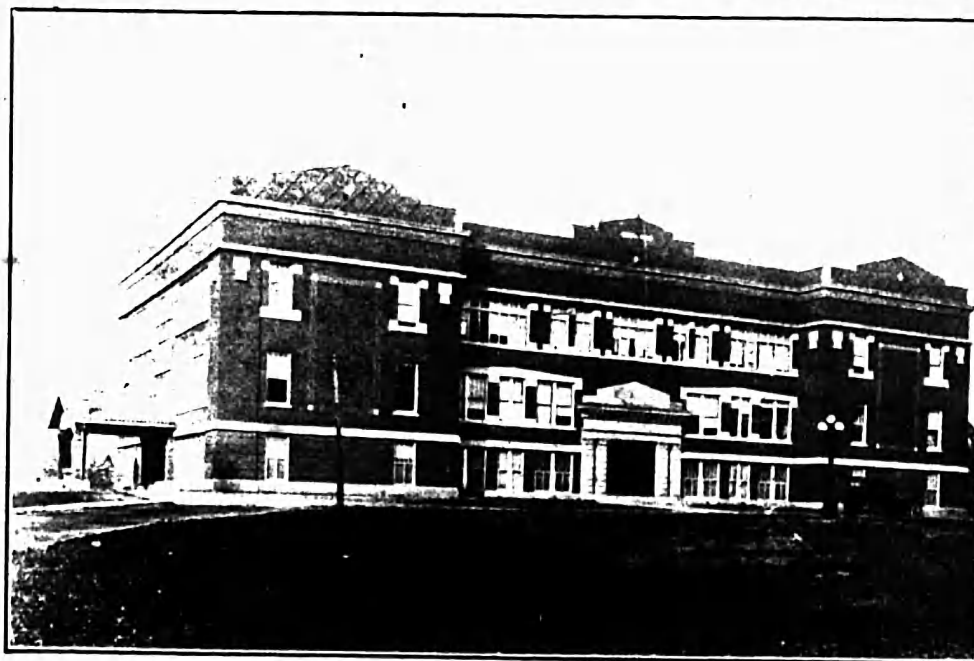
A. ELLSWORTH SCHOOL, MIDDLEBOURNE, W. VA.

An elementary school building erected in 1920 at a cost of \$85,000. It accommodates 350 pupils. There are rooms for home economics, manual training, a separate gymnasium, and an auditorium.



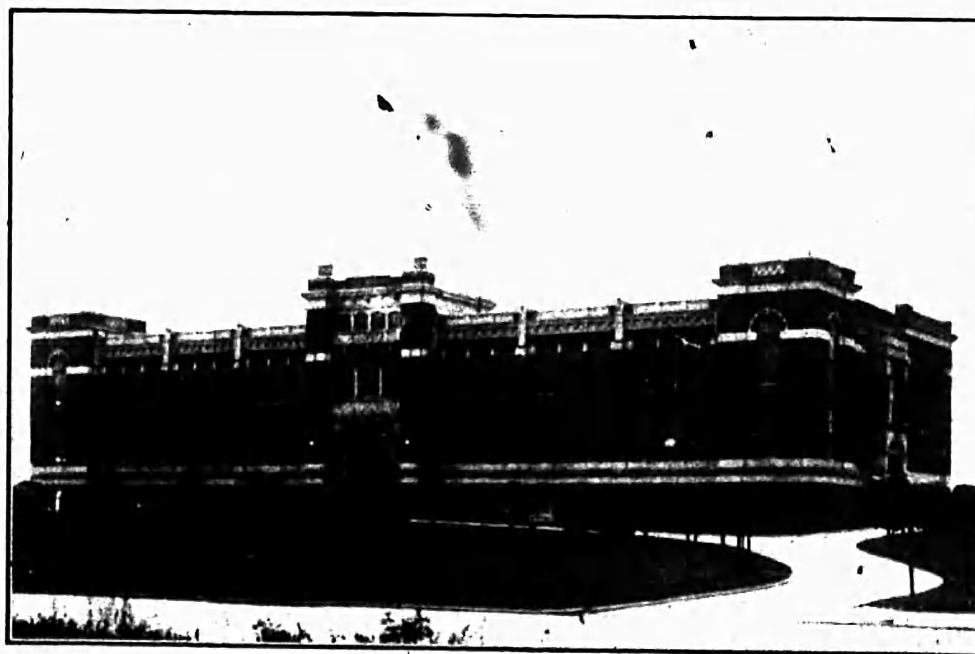
B. RAMER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL, RAMER, ALA.

Buildings valued at \$95,000. A 6-6 school enrolling 400 pupils. There are science laboratories, rest rooms, shower baths, and an auditorium that will seat 800 people.



A. CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT DISTRICT OF JESUP, IOWA

Building erected as a result of consolidation; valued at \$175,000. Used for an 8-4 school, enrolling 250 elementary and 100 high school pupils; 210 children are transported to this school daily



B. WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE SCHOOL, WOODSTOWN, N. J.

A school plant valued at \$320,000. Used for an 8-4 school system of 800 pupils. There are rooms for special courses, a gymnasium, and an auditorium

that a consolidation ought not to be established with less than 75 high-school pupils. If that be a good principle, nearly one-half of those in this list are below the standard.

Twenty-five of these consolidations attempt no secondary instruction. They are elementary schools of 8 or 9 years. Six of them are 2-teacher schools; 4 are 3-teacher schools. Five have fewer than 60 pupils each, 3 have from 60 to 90, and one has 100. These 10 schools are undoubtedly somewhat better than the small schools from which they were formed, but they are not strong enough to take advantage of the best that consolidation may mean for elementary schools. The other 15 elementary consolidations, each with 4 or more teachers and 150 or more pupils, are large enough to have not more than two grades to a teacher and can be so organized as to make fine schools. Consolidation for purely elementary school work offers many advantages over the one and two teacher school idea. It is not made use of so much as it should be.

These variations from the typical consolidation illustrate how widely applicable the general principle of consolidation—that of gathering children in larger groups for purposes of instruction—really is. It is a well-chosen aphorism, “You can have consolidated schools anywhere.”² The principle makes for some improvement wherever it is applied, but the strong, highly organized, finely equipped, and well-manned consolidations listed here that are far above the type average are good evidence that the degree of improvement that may be effected through this principle is limited only by the limits on our knowledge of what the most effective school is.

² Consolidation and Transportation Problems. Bur. of Educ., Bul., 1923, No. 39.

Chapter II

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS, EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIAL COURSES, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Transportation of pupils.—Very few large consolidations can be formed without having to transport some pupils at public expense. The consolidation must invest in transportation equipment or let contracts to have the children hauled, must arrange routes and determine their length, and decide upon the proportion of the school income that may be spent in taking children to and from the school. Successful practice among the school consolidations of the United States is shown by returns from 225 of those in the list.

Transportation is reported as being used in the consolidations of all the States except those of Missouri. The median time it has been in effect is 5.9 years. Pupils have been transported in 53 of the consolidations for more than 10 years, time enough for those communities to form a good estimate of its value.

The least amount which any consolidation claims to have invested in transportation facilities is \$50; while the highest amount is \$37,000.

Of the total, \$621,752, reported to be invested in vehicles, one-half, or \$296,200, has been put out by 16 districts each of which has more than \$10,000 worth of busses.

Ninety consolidations own as a part of the school property 351 motor-driven vehicles; 45 schools have only horse-drawn vehicles numbering in all 222; and 13 schools have both motor-driven and horse-drawn vehicles to the extent of 46 of the former and 32 of the latter. The total estimated value of 374 motor-driven vehicles and 235 horse-drawn vehicles is \$621,752. Motor busses are valued at approximately \$1,520 each; horse-drawn vehicles at \$240.

The use of horse-drawn vehicles is rather common in the northern, colder, and more mountainous States. Idaho, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, New York, and Minnesota all indicate that the horse-drawn busses are more favored. In Connecticut and Rhode Island they are also used to some extent. They are reported in Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, and Oklahoma, States where it would seem that motor busses might be as easily or more easily used than the horse-drawn wagons. The motor bus is much

the better vehicle for transporting pupils. It is rapidly displacing the horse-drawn wagon, and the schools in these latter States will probably soon adopt it.

In general a transportation route is the road over which a bus travels going to and coming from a school building in making one round trip, and the number of busses usually corresponds to the number of routes, though in some cases one bus may make two trips each morning and evening and transport the children from two routes. Two hundred twenty-two of the consolidations report a total number of 1,179 routes maintained. They range from a minimum of one for a school to a maximum of 16. The median number of routes for any consolidation is 5.

Only 14 maintain more than 10 routes each. In such schools as this, transportation must necessarily become so much of an organized business, with a considerable investment and a fairly large personnel, that it seems worth while to call attention specifically to these 14 schools and a few of the items regarding transportation as carried on by them.

TABLE 3.—Fourteen consolidations maintaining each more than 10 transportation routes.

Name of school	Number of routes maintained	Average number of children transported daily	Average distance, in miles, one way consolidation transports children	Average time, in minutes, consolidation keeps transported children on road one way	Average cost of transportation per mile per child per day	Estimated amount to be spent for transportation
Ramer, Ala.	12	400	9	45	\$0.02	\$12,000
Kern County Union High School, Calif.	16	410	15	50	.01	40,000
Independent District, No. 10, Idaho	15	400	3	40	.024	9,000
Jessup Independent Consolidated, Iowa	14	210	5	45	-----	7,258
Union District, No. 1, Kans.	12	320	16.8	30	.06	7,500
Villard State High School, Minn.	13	176	4.5	40	.023	6,750
Grand Blanc Township, Mich.	11	300	5	17	-----	7,000
Hentley Project Schools, Mont.	13	325	4.5	35	.04	12,000
Jackson Township Consolidated, Ohio	12	352	6.2	60	.049	5,000
Monroe Rural School, Ohio	14	382	3.4	40	.023	7,500
Bethel Centralized School, Ohio	15	388	3	20	.027	5,500
Jordan High School, Utah	14	450	5	25	.02	27,500
Granite School District, Utah	15	535	3	40	.05	15,500
School District No. 1, Wyo.	16	500	4	40	.025	18,000

Two hundred eight consolidations report on the number of drivers employed for publicly owned vehicles and contracts let to persons owning their own vehicles. Some are trying the plan of owning the vehicles and employing drivers, others let contracts, and others are

following both plans. The three classes are divided numerically in this group as follows:

	Consolidations	Number of drivers employed	Number of contracts let
Consolidations that employ drivers and let no contracts.....	85	391	0
Consolidations that let contracts only.....	63	247	247
Consolidations that are using both plans.....	68	303	167
Total.....	153	694	414

Stated in another way, 153 consolidations are employing 694 drivers; and 131—68 of which also employ drivers—are letting 414 transportation contracts. The highest number of drivers employed by any one consolidation is 16; the greatest number of contracts let is 15.

A much-mooted question in transportation of pupils is the number of miles that children may be expected to ride to and from school. If they ride very far, too much of their strength is used and too much time wasted. The median of the average distances one way given by 224 consolidations is 4.7 miles. The least distance given is 1 mile; the greatest distance, 19 miles. Only 9 of the consolidations are attempting to transport children an average of 11 miles or more. They are given in Table 4:

TABLE 4.—Nine consolidations, each transporting pupils an average of 11 miles or more

Name of consolidation	Children transported	Routes maintained	Average distance one way the consolidation is transporting children, in miles	Average time, in minutes, the consolidation keeps children on the road one way
Alexandria Consolidated, Ala.....	55	4	18	60
Buena Consolidated, Ariz.....	40	3	12	20
Kern County Union High, Calif.....	410	16	15	50
Millford Special, Del.....	100	2	13	30
Union District No. 1, Kans.....	320	12	16.8	30
Zook Consolidated District, Kans.....	125	5	12	40
Trousdale Consolidated, Kans.....	130	6	19	64
Plains Consolidated, Kans.....	160	8	11	45
Joint School District No. 2, Mont.....	60	2	13	50

The school day is ordinarily 7 hours, with 1½ hours out for intermissions. How much more of the child's time may be taken daily in transporting him to and from the school? Two hundred twenty-two consolidations reported on the average number of minutes children are on the road, one way. The minimum is 10 minutes; the maximum, 100; the median, 35. Nine schools report averages of 90

minutes or more. With two exceptions these consolidations are using horse-drawn vehicles and transporting children distances of approximately 5 miles. The unusual time is due to the kind of conveyance, not to the distance.

Of the 260 consolidations, 225 are transporting pupils to a total average number of 31,186 daily. Only 27 consolidations are transporting 250 or more each day. The median number is 110, about as many as can be cared for in three good motor busses.

Two hundred fourteen consolidations report the two items, number of pupils enrolled and average number transported daily. They total an enrollment of 84,710 and a transportation number of 29,652, a gross relationship of 35 per cent. The median is 43 per cent.

The percentage of the school revenues that may properly be spent for transportation by any consolidation is another much discussed question. Transportation is a comparatively new item in school budgets, and in some sections of the country there seems to be a tendency to give it too high a percentage of the funds. One hundred sixty-seven consolidations reported the estimated amount of money to be spent for transportation and the estimated total school income for the year 1922-23. The minimum percentage spent by any school is three-tenths of 1 per cent; the maximum is 51.7 per cent. Out of every \$100 of school revenue, the median consolidation is spending \$14.02 to transport children to and from the schoolhouse.

A common argument against school transportation is that the cost of transporting children is too great. It must be remembered that, if children are to go to school, some means must be provided for them to get to and from the schoolhouse; and if the aggregate number of miles traveled by, let us say, 400 children to 20 small schools is compared with the aggregate number traveled by the same 400 children attending one central school the difference will probably not be so great as it appears at first thought. Whether the parents shall pay for transporting their children or whether it shall be paid from public funds depends more on conditions of organization and distribution of school facilities than on the cost of transportation. It will be paid for in some way, either by the parents individually or by the people collectively through their public officials. At present the latter method is comparatively new and attracts more attention and probably more comment.

Some consolidations in the United States are keeping careful account of transportation costs. In order to have comparable figures the three elements, number of children transported, time, and distance, must be considered. Too often costs of transportation are figured on a daily basis without any relationship to distance. In the questionnaire mailed to the consolidations the question was

asked in terms of number of cents per mile per child per day. One hundred and seventy-seven gave reports that seem to be accurate. The range of costs is from approximately one-half a cent to 27 cents. The median is 3.8 cents *per child per mile per day*. Nine schools report costs of more than 20 cents. Nearly all of these are using horse-drawn hacks or are letting contracts at rather high rates. Probably when transportation has been better organized and more attention is given to it, the cost in all the consolidations can be materially reduced.

Conveying children to and from school at public expense is now an educational activity of such importance that it needs more careful study and management than is being given to it in many places. The limited amount of data just summarized regarding it are along the lines of investigation that will help in formulating plans for making transportation successful and economical.

Rooms and equipment for special courses.—As already noted, a high percentage of the consolidations have erected or are erecting new buildings, and a few of these are the finest types of construction known to school architects. Reproductions of photographs of buildings ranging in price from \$20,000 to \$320,000 are shown in Plates 1-4. The reports show that most of the buildings are planned to meet, in part at least, the demand for broadened curricula, special courses, and student and community activities. In 60 per cent or more of the consolidations special rooms and equipment have been provided for home economics, manual training, physics and chemistry, and for library purposes. About 40 per cent have separate gymnasiums, shower baths, teachers' rest rooms, and music rooms. Seventy-four consolidations have special rooms for medical inspection of school children.

While 110 of the consolidations have agricultural laboratories, only 63 (23 of which are in the open country) are using plots of school ground in connection with the work.

Community activities.—An auditorium is more or less necessary if a consolidation is to become a community center or take any special leadership in the general affairs of its patrons. One hundred and eighty-five of the consolidations have auditoriums of various sizes in their buildings. The seating capacity ranges from 24 to 3,000, although only 15 consolidations have auditoriums that will seat 1,000 people or more. The median is 400.

About one-fifth of the consolidations lay no claim to any kind of community work. The others listed a very wide variety of activities. Literary societies, lyceums, chautauqua meetings, and amateur theatrical performances are the most common. Agriculture and home economics clubs rank next. The various meetings having to

do with school and community athletics are third in the list. Organizations that are concerned with the serious business affairs of the community, such as granges, cooperative marketing groups, farmers' unions, and other bodies of like nature, make use of the school building as a meeting place. Parent-teacher associations, mothers' clubs, and teacher organizations are reported less frequently than might be expected. Associations for the study of music and for musical entertainment are found in about one-fourth of the consolidations.

Only 19 report the use of moving pictures. A very few are community health centers. Eleven have school improvement associations and 10 are conducting night school. In New York, the Southern, and the Middle States particularly, the consolidations are entering into many fields other than that of giving children purely academic training. Experience has shown both that the organized community will probably centralize its school work and that centralized schools teach their patrons the strength that lies in united effort.

TABLE 5.—Names of consolidations, financial data, enrollment, teachers' salaries, and transportation

Name of consolidation and post office address (Unless otherwise given the post office address is the same as the name of the consolidation)	Districts or schools united	Area served by consolidation, square miles	Assessed value of property in area served by consolidation	Area of school grounds, in acres	Number of school buildings	Total estimated value of school property	Total estimated school income for year 1922-23	Cost of new building erected as a result of consolidation	Enrollment		Average yearly salary of teachers		Years transportation has been carried on	Number of vehicles used	Average number of children transported daily	Average distance one way consolidation transports children, in miles	Average time, in minutes, children are on road, one way	Average cost of transportation per child per mile	Estimated amount spent for transportation in 1922-23
									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
ALABAMA																			
Henagar Public High, Henagar	4	20	\$50,000	5.0	2	\$16,750	\$3,200		200	75	\$340	\$700	2	3	70	6.0	30	0.1	\$2,000
Dixons Mills	3	130	200,000	5.0	2	19,500	8,400	\$12,000	90	40	703	855	2	4	135	4.0	25	4.8	4,120
Magnolia Consolidated, Magnolia	5	76	348,000	5.0	1	14,750	9,270	12,000	116	34	720	765	2						
Arab High, Arab				5.0		27,500	7,500		206	88	618	1,351							
Millry	7	350	266,600	10.0		18,500	7,000	16,000	172	64	525	560	3	6	132	5.0	45	2.0	2,500
Ramer	6	350	160,000	53.0	5	142,000	25,000	77,000	150	250	900	1,200	5	10	400	9.0	10	1.1	12,000
Jessie No. 44, Banks	4	9	310,000	10.0	1	20,000	3,220	12,000	207	21	315	512	3	1	80	2.0	10	4.0	670
Jones Mill	4	8	275,000	6.0	2	16,700	5,600	15,000	310	90	525	975	1	2	80	2.7	15		840
Leroy	2								122	28	827								
Alexandria Consolidated, Alexandria	3	48	400,000	5.0	1	37,675		15,000	210	40	270	810	2	2	55	18.0	60	9.3	850
Shellhorn Consolidated, Shellhorn	5	20		5.0	1	21,250						375	2	2	150	5.0	30		600
ARIZONA																			
Marcus Consolidated No. 21, St. David	3	140	2,200,000	12.0		9,500	24,000	3,500		77		11,850	7	3	70	5.0	20	2.5	2,400
Buena, Garden Canyon	3		1,077,110	2.0	2	2,706	5,700			46	1,350		3	3	40	12.0	60	.5	2,610
ARKANSAS																			
Fairview Special, Lonoke	3	17	92,700	2.0	2	20,000	3,640		240	25	400	140							
Rosebud High, Rosebud	3	30	130,025	40.0	1	4,525	1,157		102	4	330								
New Hope, Greenwood	2	28		2.0	1	12,800	5,400		90	31	800	800							
Wellford, Endora	3	72		6.5	2	11,500			178	42		1,810							
Watson High, Pine Bluff	3	16	416,670						382	47	648								
Pea Ridge	5	27	300,000	10.0	5	24,000	5,792												
Galloway Special, North Little Rock	3	36		3.0	1	4,100			36		990		5	1					

CALIFORNIA

Reedley Joint Union High.	16	12,000,000	15.0	525,000	98,000	450,000	450	2,200	8	6	200	5.0	25	2.0	8,000
Reedley	16	10,364,000	19.0	341,000			510	2,160	3	7	184	10.0	35	2.5	18,500
Visalia Union High, Visalia															
Kern County Union High,	3,000	63,000,000	15.0	922,000	572,000		1,020	2,500	8	16	410	15.0	50	1.0	149,000
Bakersfield	4	1,555,735	2.0	63,400					4	4	100	6.0	30		
Arbuckle Union, Auburn	3	30,000,000	3.0	175,000			918	2,200	10		100				
Richmond Union High, Richmond	11	11,000,000	17.0	548,000	90,000	400,000	363	2,250	5	18	100	6.0	30	1.5	4,000
Salinas Union High, Salinas															
Los Gatos Union High, Los	7	5,500,000	3.0	87,000			220	1,900			132	4.0	30		700
Gatos															
San Benito County High, Hol-	1,456	13,000,000	10.0	90,000	58,710	60,000	380	2,200	10	20	80	10.0	25	3.0	2,400
ister															
Courtlund Union High, Court-	160	4,420,000	4.5	195,040	13,030		76	1,800	3	3	40	7.0	15	12.0	2,125
land															
*Bates Joint Union Grammar,	6	5,147,000	6.0	59,000	22,015	28,000	265	1,482	3	6	195	7.0	35	5.0	3,500
Courtland															
COLORADO															
Consolidated District No. 8,	5	3,712,340	8.0	189,600	58,275		205	1,450	4	9	443	7.7	35	31.0	6,760
Monte Vista															
Flagler	4	4,200	1.0	4,200		40,000	127	1,100	4	4	110	8.0	40	2.0	
Avondale Consolidated, Avondale	3	846,500	2.0	48,200	12,000	42,000	20	1,000	11	2	60	3.0	20	1.5	1,755
Johnstown Consolidated, John-	3	3,650,000	3.0	198,500	39,814	150,000	110	1,100	3	5	210	6.0	30	1.7	5,655
stown															
CONNECTICUT															
Consolidated, Washington Depot.	12	3,456,900	3.0	75,750	25,500	60,000	60	1,214	14	7	131	3.5	30	4.9	6,500
Ham Consolidated, Madison	7	4,430,740	7.0	170,000	25,570	160,000	200	1,060	10	2	160	2.8	20	2.3	1,800
Bloomfield Consolidated, Bloom-	4	2,000,000	5.9	73,000			180	1,200	2	4	75	2.5	25		5,000
field	14			63,500	50,376	65,000		1,227	10	4	100	3.0	15		6,000
Benjamin Franklin, Ridgefield	5	2,120,000	7	24,000	16,700	20,000	241	1,100	14	6	200	2.8	45	3.0	
Orange Grammar, Orange	8	3,200,000	5.0	62,000	23,388	30,000	300	1,300	15	5	100	3.0	30	8.3	3,000
Farmington Center, Farmington	5	1,500,000	4.0	97,000	40,000	55,000	455	1,175	7		4	5.0	75	2.0	150
Nathaniel White, Cromwell															
DELAWARE															
*A. Du Pont Special, Wilmington.	2	2,225,000	2.3	144,000	41,000	17,000	289	1,380	3	4	110	7.0	40		
Smayna Special, Smyrna	5	2,225,000	9.0	141,731	219,166	165,000	585	1,300	4	7	150	7.0	30	.5	\$7,500
State Consolidated No. 1, W yom-	9	3,500,000	7.5	130,000	40,000	100,000	490	1,100	4	5	220	4.0	30	3.0	5,000
ing	39		2.0	78,000	45,000		425	1,100	2	2	100	13.0	30	1.0	
Milford Special, Milford															

* Open country schools.

† Not including superintendent or principal.

‡ Elementary and high school combined.

§ Includes amount spent for new busses.

¶ Transportation by steam train.

TABLE 5.—Names of consolidations, financial data, enrollment, teachers' salaries, and transportation—Continued

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									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
FLORIDA	7	120	\$766,850	10.0	4	\$37,050	\$18,000	\$30,000	282	48	\$870	\$1,350	6	4	253	3.0	20	2.3	\$2,300
GEORGIA	4	50	800,000	10.0	3	88,800	8,200	65,000	241	107	600	700		8	75	4.0	25		
Meriwether High, Woodbury	4	12	800,000	3.0		48,000			443	80	633	800		3	396	8.0	60	1.3	3,000
Funston Consolidated, Funston	2			6.3	1	57,400	12,000	50,000	200	75	765	1,035	3	4	110	4.5	25	1.8	720
Plains Public, Plains	2	40		8.5	1	106,000	22,200	92,500	300	90	520	640	2	6	179	5.0	30	10.0	3,150
Louisville District, Louisville	2	36	400,000	2.0	1	29,600	6,500	25,000	230	110	480	600	3	7	96	5.0	45	12.0	1,200
Lincolnton High, Lincolnton	3																		
IDAHO	4	20	1,200,000	7.5	4	38,750	28,650	19,000	269	96		1,212	6	3	200	2.0	30	3.0	2,500
Kuna	3	50	574,400	3.0		28,000				100		1,090	8	4	40	3.0	60	25.0	1,000
Bellevue	3	131	612,000	2.0		53,800	16,470	55,000	176	81	1,350	1,125	1	2	52	4.0	75	1.2	806
Albion		64	965,000	.5		69,000	22,000	40,000	197	68	900	1,025		1	40	4.0	90	25.0	1,000
Mackay																			
Independent District No. 10,	3	258	2,800,000	5.0	7	132,000	68,923	60,000	620	220	1,030	1,355	15	15	400	3.0	40	2.4	9,000
Gooding		100	3,500,000	5.0	4	70,250	50,000	24,000	500	114	1,200	1,500	10	2	20	6.0	60	20.0	1,350
American Falls																			
ILLINOIS	6	31	1,245,500	11.0	1	127,500	33,100	122,000	250	78	1,000	1,300	3	3	81	3.6	35	20.0	3,240
Sheffield Community Consolidated, Sheffield																			
Mineral Community Consolidated, Mineral	6	27	850,000	1.5	1	79,350	13,000	70,000	130	30		1,006	1	3	80	3.0	25	5.6	4,500
Joy Community Consolidated, Joy	7	34	1,400,000	2.0	1	52,000	29,000		214	83	1,080	1,395	3	7	142	6.0	30	3.8	9,000
John Swaney Community Consolidated, McNabb	3	27	480,000	24.0	4	44,000	8,000		63		1,025								

•Harlem Consolidated, Rockford...	4	18	1,112,700	7.0	2	84,500	34,500	42,000	364	63	900	1,200	3	5	375	2.5	12	2.0	5,000
•Piano Consolidated, Piano...	7	38	1,753,280	.5	8	46,500	17,748		365	85	1,130	1,345			47	3.0	45	2.0	4,070
•B. F. Funk Community Consol- dated, Shirley	3	24	1,036,550	4.0	3	51,700	15,500	35,000	70	14	900	1,150	4	3	75	3.0	30		2,500
INDIANA																			
Greentown High, Greentown...	7	23	3,500,000	1.6	1	129,700	41,400	36,000	254	220		1,175	10	7	150	4.5	25	5.5	5,000
Cloverdale	6	35	2,000,000	5.0	1	129,600	30,000	120,000	178	165		1,264	3	6	180	4.0	20	2.5	1,000
Bandusky, Greenburg	6	52	2,767,000	1.0	2	50,150	22,480	40,000	80	54	987	1,360	13	4	67	5.0	45	7.0	4,336
•Harford Township High, Geneva				3.0	2				94	60		1,000	6	2	65	5.0	60		
IOWA																			
Jenep Independent Consolidated, Jenep	12	48	828,452	8.0	1	181,750	47,020	110,000	250	100	1,000	1,414	6	15	210	5.0	45		7,238
Hudson Consolidated, Hudson	7	30		5.0	1	48,600	26,415	34,210	129	87	1,080	1,240	8	13	123	3.0	30	6.7	4,311
Pisgah Consolidated, Pisgah		32					29,305	35,000	225	65		960	9	10		4.5	37		5,962
•Okoboji Township Consolidated, Milford	6	26	300,898	6.0	3	40,000	20,745	25,000	89	55	990	1,080	6	7		4.5	45		2,395
Milford Consolidated, Milford	5	22	2,453,000	11.0	2	45,000	31,500	28,000	250	115	985	1,372	13	9	93	5.7	60	2.5	3,888
Shelby Consolidated, Shelby	4	44	3,473,500	10.0	1	273,500			259	91	1,165	1,558	3	10	206	10.0	45	2.0	
KANSAS																			
Lorraine Rural High, Lorraine	5	31	1,800,000	2.0	1	74,300	8,500	65,000	115	48	1,025	1,700	24	9		3.8	30	7	420
Union District No. 1, Holcomb	3	125		15.0	3	222,500	34,714	125,000				1,146	3	13	320	16.8	30	.6	7,500
Cimarron Consolidated District																			
No. 1, Cimarron	7	132	2,436,000	.5	2	119,000	39,850		309	116	1,115	1,620	3	8	146	6.5	25	15.0	14,000
Zook Consolidated, Larned	5	54	1,980,000	8.0	1	80,000	17,500	64,000	104	42	1,125	1,350	1.5	5	125	12.0	40	10.2	2,000
Consolidated School District No. 4, Colby	5	69	2,307,508	10.0	1	144,500	26,882	115,000	201		936		2	2	45	7.0	30	.9	1,500
Trousdale Consolidated, Trou- sdale	7	64	1,500,000	5.0	3	52,847	14,900		167		1,082		2	6	130	19.0	64	.1	6,750
Plains Consolidated, Plains	5	124	2,327,204	5		102,500	24,429	60,000	223	86	1,057	1,350	2	8	160	11.0	45	16.5	4,815
Burns Union High School, Burns	5	43	2,228,883	4.0	2			9,000	148	101	1,200	1,538	19	8	77	4.0	61	4.0	4,000
KENTUCKY																			
Mays Lick Consolidated, Mays Lick	5	90	3,000,000	10.0	3	66,200	21,105	40,000	323	64	665	1,215	14	8	325	4.0	20	2.0	5,900
Washington High, Maysville	7	80	2,000,000	5.0	2	39,400	11,000	30,000	193	33		680	7	6	218	5.0	45	3.5	2,800
•Mason Consolidated, Mason	6	36	1,203,207	5.0	1	32,000	11,723	25,000	225	20	754	1,250	4	7	200	4.0	30	3.1	6,089
•Memorial Consolidated, Hardy- ville	7	56	739,229	4.0	2	34,900	8,968	30,000	272	73	720	1,040	3	6	220	2.5	25	1.3	2,800
Crittenden Consolidated, Crit- tenden	3	25	700,000	4.0	1	28,800	11,500	17,500	150	23	860	1,250	3	3	100	2.3	30	2.1	1,900
Bagdad High, Bagdad	4	30	1,000,000	3.0		53,000		50,000	240	35		760	1	1	70	5.0	30	25.0	
Woodburn Consolidated, Wood- burn	3	24		4.0	1	6,975	1,825	4,500	188	32	500	850	8	6	150	3.0	60	3.0	1,400

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									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
LOUISIANA																			
Merryville Agricultural High, Merryville	5	250	\$1,000,000	8.0	4	\$182,800	\$23,735	\$150,000	503	92	\$9.56	\$1,458	12	8	183	7.5	45	7.0	\$4,570
Sulphur High, Sulphur	5	50	17,000,000	4.0	4	175,677	70,000			133		1,720	6	3	200	6.0	30		2,000
Shady Grove Consolidated, Rosedale	5	80	1,750,000	85.0	3	119,000	26,000	42,000	334	90		917	7	7	400	4.5	40	2.0	7,000
Livonia High, Livonia	5	25	75,000	11.0	1	6,000			248				4	8	200				1,200
MAINE																			
Eastern Maine Institute, Springfield	6	36	200,000	1.0	1	12,900	13,513		95	34	600	1,150	5	3	53	5.0	60	2.2	1,700
Besse School, Albion	5	25		3.0	1	22,500	8,000		90	43	600	900	9	5	60	2.5	60		1,732
Denmark Senior-Junior, Denmark	5	36	523,160			14,000	4,565	12,000	54	21	725	1,450	3	4	25	2.5	45	5.0	1,659
Mechanic Falls Schools, Mechanic Falls	6	16	964,782	1.0	2	45,000	16,750		250	91		700	30	3	40	3.0	60	20.0	1,550
Pond-Cove, Cape Elizabeth	4	9	1,000,000	4.0	1	20,000	4,000	15,000	125		1,000		8	2	40	3.0	30	20.0	1,800
Island Falls	3	36	650,000	4.0	2	52,500	23,563		400	115	902	1,400	7	4	50	3.0	45	8.5	1,782
Old Orchard Junior-Senior High, Old Orchard		2	2,930,510	.3	2	13,000			135	17	1,075	1,300							500
MARYLAND																			
Baden Agricultural High, Baden	4	75	1,250,000	10.0	2	30,500	22,500	28,000	110	63		1,250	11	3	90	5.0	30	2.5	1,900
Sparks High, Sparks	4			5.0	1	35,000			129	71	1,483	1,900	14	3	110	4.0	30	13.0	2,700
Poolsville High, Poolsville	2	25	2,000,000	2.0	1	27,550	15,000	12,000	156	53	875	1,550	7	2	45	5.0	60	1.3	2,050
Flintstone Consolidated, Flintstone	5	79		3.0	1	66,000		65,000	104	46	1,043	1,688	7	4	95	8.5	60	1.7	5,463

		7	47	1.0	2	7,100	5,500	4,500	137	34	1,100	1,400	9	2	23	4.0	3.5	1,170
Nanticoke High, Nanticoke		2		3.0		52,690		50,000		33	1,000	1,095						
Charles Carroll, Westminster																		
MASSACHUSETTS																		
Cohasset Town School, Cohasset		3					60,000		400	125	1,300	1,550	30	3	150	2.5	20	
Montague Center School, Montague		3							200		1,300		48	6	108	2.0	25	3,100
Winslow School, Tyngsboro		5	24	1.0	1	30,400	10,000		185		1,300		20	3	90	3.0	45	3,000
Center School, Hatfield		6		3.0		55,000	16,000	40,000	350	80	1,300							
Crane Community, Windsor		6	20	30.0	1	66,500			62		1,000	1,300	3	4	45	3.5	45	3,308
Harvey Wheeler-West Concord, Concord Junction		2	5			18,000	8,243	15,000			1,150							
Peter Bulkeley-Emerson, Concord		4	19	5.0	8		134,750		925	500	1,500	1,800	40	10	200	1.5	30	8,000
MICHIGAN																		
Goodrich Rural Agricultural, Goodrich		6	25		1	69,900	23,080		144	00	1,200	1,338	4	12	130		35	4,500
Grand Blanc Township Agricultural, Grand Blanc		11		6.0		111,200	145,890	100,000	226	128	1,067	1,250	19	11	300	5.0	17	11,000
South Branch Rural Agricultural, Honeyville		6	52	13.0	1	21,400	15,270	20,000	64	21	630	2,000	4	4	90	4.5	40	2,970
Bear Lake Rural Agricultural, Bear Lake		3	14	3.0	1	33,525	13,965	13,600	120	64	930	1,200	3	6	85	3.5	40	3,215
Perry Rural Agricultural, Perry		4	19	2.0	2	74,000	23,240	25,000	220	82	1,175	1,175	2	3	100	8.0	45	4,000
Morris Consolidated, Morris		4	12	5.5		42,000	15,020	38,000			1,000	1,150	2	4	100	7.0	25	
Hassett Rural Agricultural, Hassett		4	15	6.0	1	55,200	18,400	39,000	116	67	990	1,260	2		80	3.5	20	2,970
Lakewood Consolidated, Battle Creek		3	10	5.0	2	136,800	29,100	100,000	235	40	1,250	1,250	2	2	150	1.5	15	1,000
Hanover Unit, Buckley		3	31	5.0	1	47,000	10,850	35,000	140	45	850	1,225	6	4	140	5.0	40	1,935
MINNESOTA																		
Stour Valley Consolidated, Lake Park, Iowa		7	40	5.0	2	72,650	21,006	47,000	149	48	890	1,271	4	10	187	10.0	20	6,116
Swanville Consolidated, Swanville		3	20	2.0		90,000	26,467	38,000	170	60	1,060	1,395	3	7	96	3.2	45	3,200
Villard State High, Villard		8	41	4.0	1	49,600	18,000	30,000	200	70	1,005	1,513	11	18	176	4.5	40	6,750
Greenbush Consolidated, Greenbush		3	34	9.7	1	86,350	18,525	80,000	136	71	1,062	1,328		7	44	3.7		2,286
Consolidated Independent No. 83, Mound		5	26	8.0	3	218,000	76,500	70,000	500	130		1,269	6	9	450	3.0	35	7,500
Consolidated District No. 144, Wayzata		3	15	8.0	1	290,750	45,000	291,548	265	186	1,196	1,472	2	3	72	2.5	22	2,600
Deer River Consolidated, Deer River		3	12	2.0	1	213,220	42,870	137,000	329	110	1,179	1,485	12	5	108		30	4,900

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									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MISSISSIPPI																			
*Arkabutla Consolidated, Arkabutla.....	6	31	650,000	15.0	1	47,000	10,850	35,000	138	27	728	900	5	5	78	6.0	100	Cents 20.0	2,475
MISSOURI																			
Bloomsdale High, Bloomsdale Consolidated School District No. 2, Dadeville.....	4	37	700,026	3.0	4	4,400	4,800		80	21	600	1,200							
Fair Grove High, Fair Grove.....	8	52	1,040,000				9,000	30,000	375	66	670	1,395							
Edolia Consolidated District No. 1, Edolia.....	5	64	1,850,641	2.0		4,000	6,000		225	38	600	1,600							
Bloodland Consolidated High, Bloodland.....	5		900,000	5.0	5	28,000	9,000	20,000	180	60		720							
Hallsville Consolidated District No. 1, Hallsville.....	3	20	300,000	5.0	1	8,900	4,000	8,000	175		400								
MONTANA																			
*Florence-Carlton Consolidated, Florence.....	7	36	2,000,000		8			28,000	175	65	720	1,035							
Joint School District No. 2, Alberton.....	3		265,000				13,220	20,000			900	1,800	8	1	35	5.0	30		1,100
*Huntley Project Schools, Worden.....	4	216	852,100	.5	1	83,600	41,000		125	41	1,500	1,870	3	2	60	13.0	50	2.0	2,500
*Stockert-Sand Coulee, Stockert.....	16	150	2,171,000	16.0	15	73,000	72,045		662	110	930	1,720	8	13	325	4.5	35	4.0	12,000
*St. Regis Consolidated, St. Regis.....	2	76	900,000	5.0	5	75,000	55,500	22,000	854	104	1,300	1,525	5	3	210	2.5	15	2.5	4,750
*Arrow Creek Consolidated, Coffee Creek.....	3	138	1,750,000	5.0	1	56,800	30,000	40,000	50	20	1,280	1,500	5	3	28	3.0	20	11.0	3,100
	3	57		2.0	1	5,800	30,000	3,000	35	14	900	1,600	9	5	36	5.0	90	7.2	2,610

NEBRASKA																			
*Allen High School, Allen	5	23	2,099,387	2.5	1	100,500	25,266	85,000	162	80	900	1,300	3	10	135	5.0	60	2.0	4,519
Climax C19, Climax	4	76	244,000	3.0	1	600	4,200		27	10	900	1,125	2	4	29	6.0	75	4.3	1,737
*Eagle Consolidated, Eagle	8	38	3,200,000	13.0	2	139,000	36,000	139,000	187	77	945	1,350	4	7	160	2.5	17	10.0	8,190
Eckley Consolidated, Guide Rock	3	32	200,000	2.0	1	10,400		6,500	80	34	728	900	6	4	756	3.5	30	4.0	1,800
Madrid Consolidated District No. 65	5	64	1,350,000	5.0	3	74,200	16,000	60,000	137	47	954	1,350	4	4	85	10.0	30	17.0	2,520
Ragan Consolidated, Ragan	11	41	392,000	4.0	3	49,200	20,000		162	50	900	1,350	3	5	108	5.5	48	27.0	2,970
Scottia Consolidated High Schools, Scottia	5	49	2,242,000	5.0	1	125,200	22,790	100,000	189	92	900	1,375	3	5	142	4.5	20	4.5	4,900
Scottsbluff City Schools, Scottsbluff	6	28	8,700,925	50.0	13	562,500	150,000	300,000	2,271	385		1,302	3	4	225	3.5	60		9,000
Sunflower Consolidated, Mitchell	4	27	929,405	20.0	3	44,200		45,000	160	25	900	1,200	4	3	240	3.0	45	7.0	9,000
Consolidated District No. 65, Venango	2	49	1,112,100	4.0	1		22,500	59,000	120	32	920	1,200	4	2	40	6.0	40		1,200
NEVADA																			
Minden Consolidated District B, Minden	3	36	1,125,000	.3	1	15,000	5,300	13,000	37		1,260		6	1		3.0	30	5.0	810
Consolidated School District B, Fallon	8	146	2,800,000	6.0	3	135,000	51,000		579		1,240		7	10	270	4.0	30	6.4	12,000
NEW HAMPSHIRE																			
Errol Consolidated, Errol	3	10	600,000	1.0	1	9,025	6,500	6,000	40	11	900	900	12	4	25	2.0	30	6.0	1,800
Greenland Central, Greenland	3	10	551,500	2.0	1	33,500	10,576	30,000	104		867		5	2	21	2.0	45	8.2	1,240
Raymond High, Raymond	1		1,143,750	16.0	2	32,500	17,000				1,000	1,050	8	4	70	3.0	35	7.0	2,520
NEW MEXICO																			
Moriarty High, Moriarty	5	36		10.0		10,500	15,170	10,000	121	24	900	1,350	4	5		7.0	45		6,175
NEW JERSEY																			
Lakewood Public, Lakewood	5	16	9,003,105	7.0	5	382,000	147,986		1,204	306	1,446	1,896	11	7	186	2.5	25		5,831
Hightstown, Hightstown	5	16	3,043,535	7.0	2	108,000	65,765		575	172	1,345	1,856	11	7	147	2.5	25		5,786
Middletown Township, Leonardo	5	16	201,540	8.0		201,540		100,000	380	300	1,375	1,500	11	1	600	6.5	30		20,000
Gibbstown, Gibbstown	5	16	3,689,600	1.4	2	146,000	33,424	80,000	400		1,100		4	2	70	3.0	30	20.0	1,281
Woodstown-Pilesgrove, Woodstown	2		3,241,000	8.0	3	343,000	63,206		578	226	1,140	1,743	9	7	187	2.5	25	6.0	7,500
NEW YORK																			
Chazy Central Rural School, Chazy	11	7	746,046		1	1,300,440	150,000	800,000	417	73	1,652	1,200	7	15	361				11,967
Greenville High, Greenville	3	18	1,250,000	4.8	1	41,200	25,000	21,000	260	70	1,100	1,300							
Orchard Park High, Orchard Park	6	18	2,984,385	6.0	1	155,300			350	125	1,100	1,400	8	2	189	3.8	60	1.5	6,700
Georgetown High, Georgetown	2	14	515,176	.3	1	9,120	10,126		142	27	1,020	1,020	10	5	80	3.0	45		1,420
Town of Webb Schools, Old Forge	500	500	2,184,752	4.0	8	65,950	45,152		276	51	1,311	1,571		2	16	2.0	20	27.0	1,360
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Burnt Hills	3	16	838,914	6.0	1	32,000		24,000	150	72	1,000	1,500	6	1	8	3.0	60		750
Liberty High, Liberty									574	225	1,204	1,582							
Friendship High, Friendship	4		1,096,823	6.0	1	57,175			243		1,054	1,275	5	2	100	3.0	40	1.5	1,700
Sherburne High, Sherburne	4		1,439,538	5.0	3	64,500	39,980	15,000	250	116	1,080	1,250							
Chautauqua High, Chautauqua	3		2,000,005	2.5	3	166,000	43,500	80,000	204	121	1,465		9	1	143	4.0	30		
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									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
NORTH CAROLINA																			
Winterville High, Winterville.....	6	25	\$2,500,000	7.0	1	\$91,500	\$14,700	\$35,000	456	76	\$792	\$940	3	7	240	8.5	45	6	1,624
Bethel Graded, Bethel.....	4	35	69,500	2.0	1	69,500		10,000	355	75	800	1,024	3	9	110	6.0	40	1.0	400
Falkland Consolidated, Falkland.....	4	45	15,000	5.0	1	15,000		14,000	256	20	728	1,200	4	6	190	5.0	30	5	
White Oak Academy, White Oak.....	7	100	628,400	6.0	1	53,100	10,660	40,000	264	87	800	1,200	2	4	250	4.0	40	7.0	1,600
Ellerbe, Ellerbe.....	4	90		4.0	1	65,000		30,000	300	128			3	3	132	6.5	45		
Lowe's Grove Farm Life, Durham.....	2	30	750,000	170.0	3	37,500	11,340	25,000	140	61	1,119	1,064	2	5	80	4.0	25	1.0	500
Palmyna, Hobgood.....	4	70	1,700,000	4.0	2	47,000	12,690	35,000	189	20	1,000	1,400	3	3	100	5.0	40	5.0	1,000
NORTH DAKOTA																			
Moltisler Consolidated, Valley City.....	5	36	1,250,000	40.0	4	32,000	8,575	15,000	67	18	1,266		7	16	75	3.5	90		7,581
Nekoma Consolidated, Nekoma.....	4	36	1,300,000	5.0	2	55,600	15,996	50,000	100	47	990		16	6	82				2,750
Logan, Center Consolidated, Kempton.....	4	36	982,275	4.0	3		30,577	22,000	66	17	1,035	1,050	19	7	65	5.0	90		3,428
Regent Consolidated, Regent.....	2	36	524,728	3.0	1	20,300	16,500	12,800	86		1,125	1,200	12	4	55	7.0	45	5.5	8,500
Cole Harbor Consolidated, Cole Harbor.....	3	42	1,000,300	2.0	1	30,200		25,000	96	42	1,200	1,215	2	6	40	5.0	75	2.1	2,300
Hazen High, Hazen.....	5	36	655,000	3.0	1	73,900		60,000	175	65		1,250	7	6	64	5.0	40	40.0	2,700
OHIO																			
Johnson-St. Paris, St. Paris.....	7	25	3,350,000	8.0	1	150,000	35,175	110,000	257	75	900	1,250	5	5	110	3.5	30	3.0	4,500
Bucyrus Township Consolidated, Bucyrus.....	11	42	3,834,429	5.0	2	92,750	22,382	67,000	182	55	880	1,475	5	7	185	3.5	35	2.9	5,900
Jackson Township Consolidated, Union City, Ind.....	13	32	4,000,000	5.0	2	133,750	24,350	105,000	300	92	845	1,200	2	12	352	6.2	60	4.9	5,000
Olmstead Rural, Olmstead Falls.....	6	16	2,633,000	10.0	1	73,500	34,200	65,000	232	150	1,200	1,430	7	7	300	3.0	20	3.4	5,600
Washington Township Centralized, Lewistown.....	2	25	2,200,000	3.0		70,050		60,000	181	92	1,040	1,200	5	4	283	5.5	30	1.0	5,200

Washington Township, Tonto- gany	2	25	2,320,920	5.0	1	69,000	22,540	55,000	138	98	925	1,290	7	4	135	4.0	40	3,030
Kingsville Centralized, Kingsville	6	30	1,509,210	3.2	3	57,000	26,713	3,540	198	87	940	1,215	31	8	122	3.4	40	4,905
Monroe Rural School, El Dorado	10	40	345,000	10.0		74,000	28,400	65,000	267	133	850	1,110	7	14	382	3.4	40	7,500
Bethel Centralized, Tippecanoe	9	36	3,155,500	10.0	1	332,000	50,000	150,000	298	90		1,560	4	10	388	3.0	20	5,500
OKLAHOMA																		
Moore Consolidated No. 2, Moore	6		1,578,173	4.0	3	82,000	22,437	60,000	337	93	1,125	822	3	8		5.0	60	7,820
Amber Consolidated, Amber	6	64	1,430,000	4.0	2	46,000	21,000	30,000	425	85	900	1,260	11	8	240	4.0	60	3,000
Consolidated District No. 14, Duke	2	25		1.0	1	24,800	10,200		264	75	680	1,100	2	2	80	3.0	20	800
Luther Consolidated, Luther	6	53	1,539,837	2.0	2	61,000	24,785	20,000	279	50	1,125	1,600	12	7	140	6.0	30	7,500
Capan Public, Capan	39		1,708,679	4.0	3	104,000	32,000		338	80	1,175	1,575	14	7	123	3.0	75	4,545
Porter Consolidated No. 3, Porter	3	24	912,123	2.0	1	35,500	15,540		282	51	1,000	1,125	2	4	118	7.0	45	2,000
OREGON																		
McLross, McLross	2	12	107,620	2.6		4,500	2,784	3,500	45		800							675
Catching Inlet, Mansfield	2			2.0	1	8,200	5,389	7,000	41		1,200		6	1	41	5.0	40	2,250
Alsea Consolidated, Alsea	3			4.0	9	15,000			83	47	855	1,215	13	3	109	5.0	60	
PENNSYLVANIA																		
Findley Township Consolidated, Imperial	7		3,000,000	5.0	2	179,500	57,600	100,000	300	250	1,080	1,260	6	5	250	3.0	25	8,100
Farmington Consolidated, Leeper	5	10	400,000	4.0		26,250	8,460		172	53	800	1,040	6	2	45	3.5	75	1,464
North Shenango Central, Espy- ville	6		412,700	3.0	1	18,500			144	36	800	1,200	20	9	160	3.5	50	4,265
RHODE ISLAND																		
Lincoln Community, Saylesville	4	6	212,800	.5		36,850		21,000	80		1,050		1	1	60	2.0	30	3,900
Union Village, Woonsocket	3			6	1			24,000	149		1,050		5	1	28		40	1,073
SOUTH CAROLINA																		
Antioch High, Hartsville	3	46	423,475	12.0	1	30,800	13,800	25,000	309	40	800		10	7	160	4.0	30	1,800
St. Albans, Piedmont	2	12	83,472	4.3	1	7,950	5,783		150	36	630							
Oakway High, Westminster				5.0	1	11,200	13,600		195	27		713						
SOUTH DAKOTA																		
Groton Independent, Groton	3	35	3,532,063	4.0	5	162,000	65,040		272	118	1,200	1,540	4	3	50	6.0	30	3,000
Kimball Independent, Kimball	3	48	2,413,247	1.0	2	58,500	30,800	90,000	342	121	1,125	1,370	3	4	87	4.0	40	2,000
Newell Independent, Newell	1	61	1,711,949	9.0	6	107,100	29,850	5,500	210	65	1,125	1,150	8	3	50	2.5	25	3,600
Clear Lake Independent, Clear Lake	3	25	1,776,825	2.0		90,000	36,620	53,000		120	1,000	1,775	19	7	80	4.0	60	2,727
Fairfax Consolidated, Fairfax	5	32	2,000,000	7.0	1	125,500		100,000	225	75	1,100	1,525	4	5	160	2.5	16	2,520
Gettysburg Public School No. 1, Gettysburg	1	36	1,688,888	3.0		104,800	34,000	95,000	206	124	1,125	1,600	5	2	30	3.0	60	13.0
Hurley Independent Consolidated District No. 1, Hurley	5	33	2,100,000	5.0		122,500	44,880	125,000	199	85	954	1,900	4	4	90	7.5	35	6,000
Laure Independent Consolidated No. 20, Winner	2	36	2,619,714	3.0	1	60,400	53,911	40,000	414	179	1,081	1,472	1	1	7	3.0	45	540

* For mileage.

* Open country schools.

TABLE 5.—Names of consolidations, financial data, enrollment, teachers' salaries, and transportation—Continued

Name of consolidation and post office address (Unless otherwise given the post office address is the same as the name of the consolidation)	Districts or schools united	Area served by consolidation, square miles	Assessed value of property in area served by consolidation	Area of school grounds, in acres	Number of school buildings	Total estimated value of school property	Total estimated school income for year 1922-23	Cost of new building erected as a result of consolidation	Enrollment		Average yearly salary of teachers		Years transportation has been carried on	Number of vehicles used	Average number of children transported daily	Average distance one way consolidations transport children, in miles	Average time, in minutes, children are on road, one way	Average cost of transportation per child per mile per day	Estimated amount spent for transportation in 1922-23
									Elementary	High school	Elementary	High school							
TENNESSEE	1																		
Capleville High, Capleville	1	144		8.0	1	\$62,700		\$50,000	200	50	\$1,500		10	3	160	5.0	25	5.0	3,150
Orinda Public, Orinda	4	30	\$1,500,000	7.0		47,000	500	40,000	251	53	700	\$1,000	5	4	150	5.0	90	5	3,000
Farragut, Concord	5			12.0	3	57,000		20,000	400		1,778		3	3	200	3.0	25	5.0	1,600
Claxton Consolidated, Riceville, R. F. D. 3	1	50	100,000	10.0	2	14,000			190	15	560	720	2	4	80	3.0	60	12.5	1,050
TEXAS																			
Academy Independent District, Heidenheimer	3	20	480,000	6.5	1	19,200	7,108	10,000	122	49	600	1,200	5	1	100	4.5	30	1.0	800
Hutto High, Hutto	2	25	1,100,025	2.5	1	33,200	13,000	20,000	180	70	656	816							
UTAH																			
Jordan High, Sandy	16	600	23,075,014	23.0	3	242,492	342,620		2,835	654	1,200	1,650	9	12	450	5.0	25	2.0	27,500
Granite School District, 3212 State Street, Salt Lake City	15	300	39,000,000	94.0	25	1,094,751			5,475	834	1,120	1,425	18	23	535	3.0	40	5.0	15,500
South Cache High, Hyrum	3	140	12,000,000	15.0	2	223,000		125,000	450	450	1,600	1,600	8	5	375	5.0	20	4.0	9,000
Box Elder High, Brigham City	1	200	37,000,000	7.5				152,000	354	698	1,037	1,374	12	1	204	4.0	30		7,342
VERMONT																			
Waitsfield, Waitsfield	4	25	500,000	1.0		21,300	10,863	20,000	70	100	720	1,100	8	9	36	3.0	45	10.0	1,700
Middletown Springs, Middletown	5			2.0	1	11,000	7,500	10,000	16	13	1,000	1,600	20	10	30	2.0	30		600
VIRGINIA																			
Ford High, Ford	3	100	400,000	2.0	4	14,950	7,200	5,300	43	43	765	787	3	2	35	9.0	60	.9	1,305
Franktown-Nassawadox, Franktown	5	100		5.5	3	44,150		30,000	125	91		900	5	2	40	5.0	30	15.0	1,225
Varina High, Richmond, R. F. D. 5	5	36	3,785,000	7.0	3	45,700	45,000		210	95	698	1,170	12	8	200	6.0	60		7,000
Oceana High, Oceana	5	7		4.0		56,500		15,000	323	120	640	1,320	13	4	30	5.0	75	6.0	2,700
Windsor High, Windsor	3	105	1,000,000	5.0	2	72,500	19,000		290	97	859	1,425	10	8	160	5.0	45	2.0	2,000

WASHINGTON																			
Enunclaw, Enunclaw	3	100	2,497,000	15.0	3	227,000	77,027	190,000	576	226	1,260	1,560	12	3	182	4.0	20	5	4,370
Consolidated District No. 214,	17	1,000	2,596,689	30.0	22	77,500	52,080	18,000	550	80		1,056	7	8	200	5.0	45	5.0	10,000
Morton	5	35	577,750	8.0	6	25,150	26,756			422		1,063	6	2	150	3.5	30	8.0	4,200
Battle Ground, Battle Ground																			
Consolidated District No. 58,	3	50	1,373,000	6.0	2	89,200	28,400	43,000	133	95	1,200	1,500	3	3	16	6.0	20	7.5	2,600
Sprague	2	25	200,000	8.0		177,000		225,000	765	485	1,238	1,612	4	7	200	9.0	40	2.7	9,500
Union High No. 1, Mount Vernon	2	12	2,076,136	7.0	5	101,225	61,000	27,000	564	180	1,205	1,139	6	1	70	1.5	15	9.0	3,740
Orchard Park Schools, Millwood	9	108	2,000,000	22.0	10	71,400	33,300	32,000	191	56		1,178	6	6	118	6.5	50	1.0	2,240
Boistfort Consolidated, Elaber																			
WEST VIRGINIA																			
Scotts Run Consolidated, Clifton-	2	8							100		1,103								
ville	4			1.0	1	45,000			247	67	853	1,056							
Glen Jean, Glen Jean	6	20	1,250,000	3.0	1	97,500		85,000	333		800		3	1	50	5.0	35	3.5	400
Ellsworth, Middlebourne	4																		
Keystone-Eckman, Keystone	1	3	28,362,125	5	3	111,500	384,500	90,000	330	70	1,111	1,000	1	3	90	10.0	30	3	1,200
Black Fork District High, Parsons	10	75	3,600,000	1.5	1	68,000				200			12	1	75	3.0	30	5.0	
WISCONSIN																			
Argonne Consolidated, Argonne	5	108	1,000,000	3.0	1	39,400	30,000	25,000	200	45	1,125	1,350	15	8	150	4.0	60	8.0	7,000
Elk Mound Public, Elk Mound	5	23	1,795,402	3.0	2	77,400		72,000	159	51	900	1,260	3	8	117	3.0	45	2.5	3,060
Consolidated District No. 1, Clear	5	25	1,306,399	1.0		61,540	14,029	35,000	271		1,045		2	7	122	3.0	90	7.7	5,040
Lake																			
Joint District No. 3, Towns of	4	32	587,307	10.0	1	33,600		29,000	124	31	900	1,100	3	5	93	3.5	60	10.0	4,000
Siren and Daniels, Siren																			
Clayton Consolidated Rural Dis-	3			1.0	1	36,700		11,000	164	41	810	1,170	7	4	75	3.0	60	3.0	1,980
trict No. 1, Clayton	2	66	2,683,561	5.0	1	143,250	18,900	123,000	139	44	900	1,450	5	6	114	4.5	90	2.0	3,957
Ondessagon, Ashland, R. F. D. 3																			
Williams Bay Consolidated, Wil-	2				1	41,800		36,000	110	39	1,235	1,470	6	1	46	2.0	20	3.0	1,100
liams Bay	2		1,887,327																
Haus Bay	3	108	910,000	1.0	6	41,800	32,700	21,000	382	112	900	1,300	8	5	100	3.5	60	4.0	4,000
Wausaukee Public Schools, Wau-																			
saukee																			
WYOMING																			
School District No. 1, Powell	4	240	5,000,000	5.0	7	217,500	91,000	10,000	800	215	1,175	1,600	10	17	500	4.0	40	2.5	18,000
Lingle Consolidated, Lingle	6	36	1,500,000	.5	2	15,500	21,600	10,000	220	30	800	1,200	5	4	190	6.0	40		9,000
Roset Consolidated and High,																			
Roset	7	144	882,799	11.0	2	7,165		1,740	54	23	1,090	1,125	2	5	50	5.5	50	3.5	3,376

* Open-country schools.

Elementary and high school combined.

TABLE 6.—Summary of statistics

Item	Con- solida- tions report- ing	Total	Range		Median
			Mini- mum	Maximum	
I. STATISTICS OF FINANCE					
A. Assessed value and bonded debt					
1. Area (square miles) of district or territory served by the consolidations.....	223	17,817.5	2	3,000	36
2. Assessed value of district or territory served by all consolidations reporting.....	216	\$624,855,525	\$50,000	\$63,000,000	¹ \$1,250,000
(a) City, town, and village consolida- tions.....	153	\$573,239,761	\$50,000	\$63,000,000	¹ \$1,430,000
(b) Open country consolidations.....	63	\$51,615,764	\$100,000	\$23,075,014	¹ \$929,405
3. Assessed valuation for each pupil enrolled, all consolidations reporting.....	211	-----	\$18	² \$19,423	² \$4,709
(a) City, town, and village consolida- tions.....	150	-----	\$18	² \$18,000	² \$4,714
(b) Open country consolidations.....	61	-----	\$50	⁴ \$19,423	⁴ \$4,811
4. Bonded indebtedness of consolidations.....	158	\$11,839,333	\$1,000	\$1,000,000	\$35,650
B. Estimated incomes					
1. Total estimated school income for 1922-23.....	197	\$7,015,148	\$1,157	\$572,000	\$22,437
2. Estimated income for each child enrolled in school.....	193	-----	\$11	\$526	\$84
(a) City, town, and village consolida- tions.....	137	-----	\$11	\$526	\$83
(b) Open country consolidations.....	56	-----	\$11	\$489	\$89
3. Estimated income for each child in average daily attendance.....	171	-----	\$15	\$992	\$95
(a) City, town, and village consolida- tions.....	120	-----	\$15	\$992	\$94
(b) Open country consolidations.....	51	-----	\$18	\$448	\$92
C. Value of school plants					
1. Area of school grounds, in acres.....	253	1,904	$\frac{1}{2}$	170	5
Open country consolidations.....	69	864	1	170	6
2. Value of school grounds.....	227	\$1,120,968	\$6	\$143,000	\$1,500
Value per acre of school grounds in open country schools.....	69	\$168,326	\$3	\$4,000	\$170
3. Value of school buildings.....	233	\$18,043,301	\$1,400	\$800,000	\$48,000
Open country consolidations.....	73	\$3,495,435	\$1,400	\$300,000	\$35,000
4. Value of school equipment.....	229	\$2,098,883	\$75	\$335,000	\$5,000
5. Value of publicly owned transportation vehicles.....	136	\$621,752	\$50	\$37,000	\$2,500
6. Value of publicly owned teachers' homes.....	48	\$369,735	\$300	\$125,000	\$3,212
7. Total estimated value of school plants.....	243	\$22,708,694	\$600	\$1,300,440	\$57,000
Open country consolidations.....	72	\$4,292,485	\$600	\$332,000	\$40,600
8. Relation of value of school plants to the assessed value of the district or territory served, expressed in per cent.....	202	3.6	.02	24.1	4.6
D. Salaries of teachers and superintendents					
1. Yearly salaries of teachers' positions:					
(a) Elementary.....	⁵ 1,813	-----	\$270	\$1,778	\$1,120
(b) High school.....	⁵ 1,330	-----	\$375	\$2,500	\$1,425
2. Yearly salaries of superintendents and principals.....	⁵ 280	-----	\$675	\$8,500	\$2,700
II. STATISTICS OF TEACHING STAFF, ENROLL- MENT, AND ATTENDANCE					
A. Teachers employed					
1. Number of teachers in consolidation with both elementary and high school grades.....	208	2,847	2	194	11
2. Number of teachers in consolidations with elementary grades only.....	27	302	2	21	6
3. Number of teachers in consolidations with high school grades only.....	15	166	6	67	14

¹ Computed by leaving out the 14 largest consolidations.² Leaving out 15 schools with a value per enrolled child of over \$20,000.³ Leaving out 11 consolidations with a value per enrolled child of over \$20,000.⁴ Leaving out 4 schools with a value per enrolled child of over \$20,000.⁵ Number of positions reported.

TABLE 6.—Summary of statistics—Continued.

Item	Con- solidations report- ing	Total	Range		Median
			Mini- mum	Maximum	
II. STATISTICS OF TEACHING STAFF, ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE—continued					
B. Enrollment and attendance					
1. Enrollment in elementary grades.....	237	67,534	27	5,475	204
2. Average daily attendance in elementary grades.....	211	58,534	20	5,190	180
3. Per cent. of attendance in elementary grades.....	209		64	99	91
4. Enrollment in high-school grades.....	224	26,519	4	1,620	76
5. Average daily attendance in high-school grades.....	201	21,497	3	1,350	65
6. Per cent. of attendance in high-school grades.....	199		70	100	91
III. STATISTICS OF TRANSPORTATION					
1. Number of years transportation has been carried on.....	219		1	48	5.9
2. Number of transportation routes maintained.....	222	1,179	1	16	5
3. Number of drivers employed.....	155	698	1	16	4
4. Average monthly salaries of drivers:					
(a) Teachers for driving.....	12		\$20	\$55	\$25
(b) Pupils for driving.....	60		\$10	\$85	\$25
(c) Full time drivers.....	126		\$15	\$200	\$60
5. Number of transportation contracts let to persons owing their own vehicles.....	131	414	1	15	2
6. Average amount paid per month for such contracts.....	112		\$10	\$390	\$85
7. Average distance consolidations transport children, one way, in miles.....	224		1	19	4.7
8. Average time consolidations have children on the road, one way, in minutes, for each school.....	222		10	100	35
9. Number of pupils transported.....	225	31,186	4	600	110
10. Per cent. of enrolled pupils that are transported to school.....	214	35.0	1	100	43
Open country schools.....	53	47.9	3	100	66
11. Amount spent for transportation.....	212	\$913,343	\$150	\$49,000	\$3,050
12. Relation of the amount spent for transportation to the total school income, expressed in per cent.....	167	11.3	0.3	51.7	14.02
13. Cost of transportation per child per mile per day, in cents.....	177		1/2	27	8.8

TABLE 7.—Distribution of 215 consolidations by area of district or territory served, in square miles

Area served by consolidation, in square miles	Number of consolidations	Area served by consolidation, in square miles	Number of consolidations
1-10.....	18	70.1-80.....	9
10.1-20.....	33	80.1-90.....	2
20.1-30.....	39	90.1-100.....	6
30.1-40.....	45	More than 100.....	32
40.1-50.....	20		
50.1-60.....	8	Total.....	223
60.1-70.....	11		

Minimum, 2 sq. miles; maximum, 3,000 sq. miles; median, 36 sq. miles.

TABLE 8.—*Distribution of 216 consolidations by assessed value of district or territory served*

Assessed value	Number of open country consolidations	Number of village, town, and city consolidations	Total number of consolidations
Less than one-half million dollars.....	23	17	40
One-half to one million dollars.....	9	30	39
One to one and one-half million dollars.....	10	24	34
One and one-half to two million dollars.....	5	18	23
Two to two and one-half million dollars.....	6	22	28
Two and one-half to three million dollars.....	3	8	11
Three to three and one-half million dollars.....	1	9	10
Three and one-half to four million dollars.....	2	8	10
Four to four and one-half million dollars.....	1	2	3
Four and one-half to five million dollars.....	0	0	0
Five to five and one-half million dollars.....	1	1	2
Five and one-half to six million dollars.....	0	2	2
Above six million dollars.....	2	12	14
Total.....	63	153	216

Median assessed values:

Open country consolidations.....	\$929,405
Village, town, and city consolidations.....	1,430,000
All consolidations reporting.....	1,250,000

TABLE 9.—*Distribution of 211 consolidations by assessed value of property for each pupil enrolled*

Assessed value per pupil	Number of open country consolidations	Number of city, town, and village consolidations	Total number of consolidations
Less than \$1,000.....	8	6	14
\$1,000-\$2,499.....	12	20	32
\$2,500-\$4,999.....	10	50	60
\$5,000-\$7,499.....	10	33	43
\$7,500-\$9,999.....	8	18	26
\$10,000-\$12,499.....	3	6	9
\$12,500-\$14,999.....	4	4	8
\$15,000-\$17,499.....	1	1	2
\$17,500-\$19,999.....	1	1	2
Over \$20,000.....	4	11	15
Total.....	61	150	211

Assessed value per pupil	Open country consolidations	City, town, and village consolidations	All consolidations reporting
Minimum.....	\$50	\$18	\$18
Maximum.....	28,572	388,889	388,889
Median ¹	4,811	4,714	4,700

¹ Leaving out 15 schools with a valuation per enrolled child of more than \$20,000.

TABLE 10.—*Distribution of 197 consolidations by amount of income received*

Amount of school funds received	Number of consolidations	Amount of school funds received	Number of consolidations
Less than \$1,000.....	0	\$8,000-\$8,999.....	9
\$1,000-\$1,999.....	2	\$9,000-\$9,999.....	7
\$2,000-\$2,999.....	1	\$10,000-\$19,999.....	46
\$3,000-\$3,999.....	3	\$20,000-\$49,999.....	76
\$4,000-\$4,999.....	5	\$50,000-\$99,999.....	23
\$5,000-\$5,999.....	8	Above \$100,000.....	9
\$6,000-\$6,999.....	3		
\$7,000-\$7,999.....	5	Total.....	197

Minimum school funds received, \$1,157; maximum, \$572,000; median, \$22,437.

TABLE 11.—*Distribution of 185 consolidations by amount of income for each pupil enrolled*

(1) Income for each pupil enrolled	(2) Open-country consolidations (included in column 4)	(3) City, town, and village consolidations	(4) Total consolidations	(1) Income for each pupil enrolled	(2) Open-country consolidations (included in column 4)	(3) City, town, and village consolidations	(4) Total consolidations
\$10-\$19.....	4	4	8	\$130-\$139.....	7	3	10
\$20-\$29.....	1	7	8	\$140-\$149.....	2	1	3
\$30-\$39.....	5	7	12	\$150-\$159.....	0	1	1
\$40-\$49.....	4	7	11	\$160-\$169.....	0	3	3
\$50-\$59.....	3	11	14	\$170-\$179.....	1	0	1
\$60-\$69.....	5	15	20	\$180-\$189.....	0	1	1
\$70-\$79.....	2	11	13	\$190-\$199.....	0	1	1
\$80-\$89.....	5	21	26	Above \$200.....	4	10	15
\$90-\$99.....	4	14	18				
\$100-\$109.....	3	12	15	Total.....	56	137	193
\$110-\$119.....	2	6	8	Medians.....	\$89	\$83	\$84
\$120-\$129.....	4	2	6				

TABLE 12.—*Distribution of 171 consolidations by amount of estimated income per pupil in average daily attendance*

(1) Income for each pupil enrolled	(2) Open-country consolidations (included in column 4)	(3) City, town, and village consolidations	(4) Total consolidations	(1) Income for each pupil enrolled	(2) Open-country consolidations (included in column 4)	(3) City, town, and village consolidations	(4) Total consolidations
\$10-\$19.....	1	3	4	\$130-\$139.....	3	1	4
\$20-\$29.....	1	5	6	\$140-\$149.....	3	2	5
\$30-\$39.....	4	4	8	\$150-\$159.....	2	3	5
\$40-\$49.....	3	5	8	\$160-\$169.....	1	2	3
\$50-\$59.....	3	10	13	\$170-\$179.....	1	2	3
\$60-\$69.....	6	7	13	\$180-\$189.....	1	0	1
\$70-\$79.....	3	9	12	\$190-\$199.....	2	0	2
\$80-\$89.....	3	11	14	Above \$200.....	2	13	15
\$90-\$99.....	3	14	17				
\$100-\$109.....	4	16	20	Total.....	51	120	171
\$110-\$119.....	2	9	11	Medians.....	\$89	\$83	\$84
\$120-\$129.....	3	4	7				

TABLE 13.—*Distribution of consolidations by total value of school property*

(1) Value of school property	(2) Number of consolidations	(3) Open-country consolidations (included in column 2)	(1) Value of school property	(2) Number of consolidations	(3) Open-country consolidations (included in column 2)
Less than \$10,000	18	9	\$90,000-\$99,999	8	5
\$10,000-\$19,999	23	11	\$100,000-\$149,999	30	3
\$20,000-\$29,999	19	4	\$150,000-\$199,999	14	3
\$30,000-\$39,999	23	11	\$200,000-\$249,999	8	
\$40,000-\$49,999	23	8	\$250,000-\$499,999	6	1
\$50,000-\$59,999	21	8	\$500,000-\$999,999	4	
\$60,000-\$69,999	16	4	Over \$1,000,000	2	
\$70,000-\$79,999	20	5	Total	243	73
\$80,000-\$89,999	8	1			
				All consolidations	Open-country consolidations
Maximum				\$1,300,400	\$332,000
Minimum				600	600
Median				57,000	40,000

TABLE 14.—*Distribution of 236 consolidations by value of school property per enrolled pupil*

Value of property per enrolled pupil	Number of consolidations	Value of property per enrolled pupil	Number of consolidations
Less than \$50	10	\$350-\$399	12
\$50-\$99	28	\$400-\$449	11
\$100-\$149	39	\$450-\$499	7
\$150-\$199	42	\$500 and over	21
\$200-\$249	28		
\$250-\$299	21		236
\$300-\$349	15		
Minimum			\$11
Maximum			5,479
Median			198
Average for the United States			129

TABLE 15.—*Distribution of salaries of 1,813 elementary teachers in consolidations*

Salary	Teachers	Salary	Teachers
\$200-\$299	4	\$1,100-\$1,199	435
\$300-\$399	10	\$1,200-\$1,299	301
\$400-\$499	12	\$1,300-\$1,399	118
\$500-\$599	26	\$1,400-\$1,499	75
\$600-\$699	102	\$1,500-\$1,599	45
\$700-\$799	65	\$1,600-\$1,699	17
\$800-\$899	135	\$1,700-\$1,799	11
\$900-\$999	210		
\$1,000-\$1,099	227		1,813

Minimum salary, \$275; maximum, \$1,778; median, \$1,120.

TABLE 16.—*Distribution of salaries of 1,330 high-school teachers in consolidations*

Salary	Number of teachers	Salary	Number of teachers
Below \$600.....	7	\$1,700-\$1,799.....	60
\$600-\$699.....	10	\$1,800-\$1,899.....	65
\$700-\$799.....	23	\$1,900-\$1,999.....	14
\$800-\$899.....	18	\$2,000-\$2,099.....	1
\$900-\$999.....	32	\$2,100-\$2,199.....	24
\$1,000-\$1,099.....	79	\$2,200-\$2,299.....	104
\$1,100-\$1,199.....	80	\$2,300-\$2,399.....	0
\$1,200-\$1,299.....	195	\$2,400-\$2,499.....	0
\$1,300-\$1,399.....	163	\$2,500-\$2,599.....	67
\$1,400-\$1,499.....	149		
\$1,500-\$1,599.....	137		
\$1,600-\$1,699.....	102		1,330

Minimum salary, \$375; maximum, \$2,500; median, \$1,425.

TABLE 17.—*Distribution of salaries of superintendents and principals of consolidations*

Salary of superintendent or principal	Number of positions	Salary of superintendent or principal	Number of positions
Less than \$1,000.....	6	\$3,000-\$3,499.....	23
\$1,000-\$1,499.....	36	\$3,500-\$3,999.....	11
\$1,500-\$1,999.....	70	\$4,000 and more.....	10
\$2,000-\$2,499.....	74		
\$2,500-\$2,999.....	50		280

Minimum salary, \$675; maximum, \$5,500; median, \$2,100.

TABLE 18.—*Distribution of 237 consolidations by enrollment and average daily attendance*

Number of pupils	Number of consolidations			
	Distribution by elementary enrollment	Distribution by elementary daily attendance	Distribution by high-school enrollment	Distribution by high-school daily attendance
Less than 30.....	2	3	28	32
30-59.....	11	13	53	50
60-89.....	14	17	56	56
90-119.....	17	20	35	23
120-149.....	29	21	15	11
150-179.....	21	29	7	5
180-209.....	28	19	5	6
210-239.....	15	18	7	2
240-269.....	25	18	2	1
270-299.....	11	10	0	0
300-399.....	28	20	5	6
400-499.....	14	7	3	4
500-599.....	11	7	2	1
Above 600.....	11	9	6	4
Total.....	237	211	224	201
Medians.....	204	180	76	65

TABLE 19.—*Distribution of 208 consolidations by number of teachers employed*

Number of teachers	Schools with elementary and high-school grades	Schools with elementary grades only	Schools with high-school grades only	Number of teachers	Schools with elementary and high-school grades	Schools with elementary grades only	Schools with high-school grades only
2	2	6		15	10		1
3	2	5		16	4		
4	6	2		17	11		
5	12			18	3		
6	20	2	2	19	3		
7	17	2		20			
8	20	2	3	More than 20	24	1	6
9	13	2	1	Total	208	28	15
10	15	1		Median numbers of teachers	11	6	14
11	15	1					
12	14	2	1				
13	9	2					
14	7		1				

TABLE 20.—*Distribution of 223 consolidations by average distance (one way) consolidations transport pupils*

Number of miles	Number of consolidations	Number of miles	Number of consolidations
1-1.9	4	8-8.9	5
2-2.9	26	9-9.9	3
3-3.9	58	10-10.9	6
4-4.9	35	11 or more	9
5-5.9	43		
6-6.9	22		
7-7.9	12		223

Minimum, 1 mile; median, 4.7 miles; maximum, 19 miles.

TABLE 21.—*Distribution of 222 consolidations by average number of minutes each consolidation has children on the road, one way*

Average number of minutes on the road	Number of consolidations	Average number of minutes on the road	Number of consolidations
Less than 10	0	60-69	31
10-19	11	70-79	7
20-29	40	80-89	0
30-39	62	90 or more	9
40-49	56	Total	222
50-59	5		

Minimum, 10 minutes; maximum, 100 minutes; median, 35 minutes.

TABLE 22.—*Distribution of 212 consolidations by per cent of enrolled pupils that are transported*

Per cent of pupils transported	Consolidations	Open-country consolidations (included in column 2)	Per cent of pupils transported	Consolidations	Open-country consolidations (included in column 2)
Less than 10.....	10	1	70-79.....	17	9
10-19.....	21	2	80-89.....	14	11
20-29.....	32	3	90-99.....	5	6
30-39.....	25	5	100 per cent.....	2	1
40-49.....	41	9	Total.....	212	56
50-59.....	25	5			
60-69.....	20	4			

Minima, 1 and 3 per cent; medians, 43 and 66 per cent; maxima, 100 and 97 per cent.

TABLE 23.—*Distribution of 167 consolidations by percentage that amount spent for transportation is of estimated school income for the year 1922-23*

Per cent of expenditures for transportation	Number of consolidations	Per cent of expenditures for transportation	Number of consolidations
Less than 5.....	20	35-39.9.....	5
5-9.9.....	32	40-44.9.....	5
10-14.9.....	44	45-49.9.....	4
15-19.9.....	26	50 and over.....	3
20-24.9.....	14		167
25-29.9.....	8		
30-34.5.....	6		

Median, 14.02 per cent; minimum, 0.3 per cent; maximum, 51.7 per cent.

TABLE 24.—*Distribution of 177 consolidations by average cost of transportation per child, per mile, per day, in cents*

Cost in cents	Number of consolidations	Cost in cents	Number of consolidations
Less than 1.....	16	7-7.9.....	9
1-1.9.....	27	8-8.9.....	8
2-2.9.....	31	9-9.9.....	4
3-3.9.....	19	10-10.9.....	6
4-4.9.....	14	11 and over.....	21
5-5.9.....	13	Total.....	177
6-6.9.....	9		

Minimum, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent; median, 3.8 cents; maximum, 27 cents.