

State Superintendent of Schools.

The State Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the State Board of Education for a term of four years and is ex-officio secretary and treasurer of the Board. He is the executive officer of the State Board of Education, which, in addition to having general control of the State School System, is charged with the duties of interpreting school laws and acting without expense to the parties concerned in all controversies and disputes involving the proper administration of the public school system. He carries out the policies established by the State Board of Education. He conducts conferences of school officials and teachers, issues teachers' certificates, passes upon proposals for the sale of school sites and buildings, and the plans for the construction of new buildings. He directs the taking of the bi-ennial school census, prepares courses of study and an annual report. He also issues bulletins from time to time on the conditions and needs of the schools.

Either in person, or through his assistants, he has general supervision over the educational conditions in the counties and co-operates with county school officials in welding together school interests in a State system. He certifies to the Comptroller each year a list of schools entitled to receive State aid, and the amount due each county in part payment by the State of the salaries of superintendents, supervisors and attendance officers; for books and materials; for reduction of taxation; on the basis of children enumerated in the school census, and for days of school attendance; and from the Equalization Fund. He audits the accounts of the county boards of education and sees that their expenditures conform to the law. His approval is necessary in the appointment of county superintendents, supervisors, and attendance officers by the County Board of Education. The State Superintendent is a member ex-officio of the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System.

All communications pertaining to the supervision and administration of the State School System (Baltimore City not included) should be sent to the State Superintendent of Schools, or to him as secretary of the State Board of Education.

Work of the State Department of Education

The twenty-three counties of the State in 1938-39 enrolled nearly 175,000 pupils in 1,283 public elementary and secondary schools in charge of 5,186 teachers. Over 41,000 of these pupils were in the last four years of work of the 178 high schools distributed in the twenty-three counties of the State. In the same year the counties expended on schools approximately \$10,213,000 for current expenses, of which \$4,433,000 or over 43 per cent, was received by the twenty-three counties from the State of Maryland and Federal vocational funds. Baltimore City received \$1,470,162 from State and Federal school funds for the maintenance of schools and the retirement system for teachers.

There were *11,098 graduates from county white elementary schools and 6,309 from county white high schools in 1939. Of the white girl graduates from county high schools, over 5 per cent entered the Towson, Frostburg, and Salisbury Teachers Colleges. The three teachers colleges for white students had an enrollment in the fall of 1939 of

*Includes eighth grade promotions in junior high schools.