

the counties are helping teachers to improve instruction with a relatively small corps of supervisory officials.

The average current expense cost in 1939 of educating a day school pupil in the schools of the twenty-three counties was \$61.91. Graded schools having three or more teachers, with better trained teachers, more equipment and expenditures for transportation, costs less per pupil than rural schools having one or two teachers, chiefly because the classes are larger. Transportation was provided at public expense for over 61,000 county pupils at a cost of \$1,202,800.

There were over 62 per cent. of the white county schools, and 90 per cent. of the colored schools in the counties which reported that they had active parent-teacher associations organized in 1939.

Maryland's school system is frequently visited and studied by officials from other States and counties because of its plan for effective administration and supervision in a county unit system, and because of its method of distributing school funds on the basis of need through its Equalization Fund.

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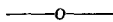
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