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APPROVAL, NOTE OF BENTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT,
HOCKING COUNTY, \$6,720.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 2, 1927.

Retirement Board, State Teachers' Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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APPROVAL, NOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ATHENS, ADAMS,
GALLIA, JACKSON, BELMONT, HIGHLAND, MEIGS, BROWN AND
CLINTON COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 2, 1927.

Retirement Board, State Teachers' Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT—MANDATORY DUTY OF COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAKE TRANSFER IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PETITION UNLESS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CENTRALIZED—
RULE AS TO CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SYLLABUS:

When a petition is filed with a county board of education for the transfer of a part or all of a school district, other than a centralized school district, to an exempted village, city or county school district the territory of which is contiguous thereto, signed by seventy-five per cent of the qualified electors residing within the territory sought to be transferred it is the mandatory duty of the county board of education to make such transfer in accordance with the petition. If however, the territory sought to be transferred is from a centralized school district to another district the county board of education may, but is not required, to make such transfer in accordance with the petition although the petition therefor be signed by seventy-five per cent of the qualified electors residing within the territory sought to be transferred.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 3, 1927.

HON. ALBERT T. STROUP, *Prosecuting Attorney, Van Wert County, Van Wert, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication requesting my opinion in answer to the following question: