

State elected officials in Ohio, consistent with the Constitution of Ohio and Ohio law, resisted appropriating public funds for private schools until 1965: Part 2

The 1825 law which established the common school system did not provide for a state official for public education or a state education leadership position. Twelve years later in 1837 the legislature established the office of Superintendent of Common Schools and appointed Samuel Lewis to the position,

Lewis served as the Superintendent of Common Schools for 3 years. During his tenure he visited 300 public schools. During that same time 1400 new school buildings were constructed. His reports to the legislature highlighted a very significant need for financial support for public education. After Lewis resigned his position, the legislature abolished the position.

Part 3 will discuss public education between 1840 and the Constitutional Convention of 1851/1852