

State defendants are powerless to prove that the EdChoice voucher plan passes constitutional muster: Part 3

The tenure of Samuel Lewis as Superintendent of Common Schools was from 1837-1840. He visited public schools throughout the state travelling on horseback. In Lewis' second annual report, he reported that he had visited 65 counties.

In his first annual report to the legislature, Lewis insisted that improvement in the public common school system be addressed immediately. On page 8 of his first annual report he stated, "nothing will be more hurtful than procrastination in a work like this." He recommended an office of County Superintendent. (It wasn't until 1914 that the office of County Superintendent was enacted into law.)

During Lewis' three-year tenure as Superintendent of Common Schools, he made numerous legislative recommendations for improvement, but the legislature was slow to act.

After a three-year tenure, Lewis resigned. The legislature discontinued the office of Superintendent of Common Schools and assigned state level public education affairs to the Secretary of State.