

pecuniary difficulties however, and the numerous expenses necessarily attendant upon the introduction of a new system, it is a just source of congratulation to its friends to know, that we have been able to complete and furnish two new school houses on the most approved plan; repair the old; pay off the indebtedness of the late Board, and all liens existing against school property; afford more liberal salaries to the teachers; keep the schools open the entire year, and educate at a cost of \$8 40 less per head than under the last year of the late system, 36 per cent. more children than were ever educated heretofore in any one year, under any Public School System in force in our County. The evidence of this will be seen by a comparison of the following figures:

Average salary of teachers during	'63, old system,	\$301 36
" " " " " "	'64, " " "	306 03
" " " " " "	'65 to June 30th,	
	old system.....	317 92
" " " " " "	'66 to June 30th,	
	new system.....	331 03*

It ought to be remembered that one-fourth of the salaries paid under the late system, was settled by Tuition Fees, which were, unfortunately for the teachers, not always collectable. Cost of instruction under the late system for year ending June 30th, 1865, (excluding Books and Stationery which were not furnished by the Board) was \$7121 54; the number of full pupils educated, 280, at a cost per head of

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Cost of instruction (including Commissioners', Treasurers', and Teachers' salaries; general and school incidentals, and ordinary repairs, and excluding Books and Stationery) was for year ending June 30th, 1866, \$7938 06; the number of full pupils educated, 466, at a cost per head of

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a difference, as before stated, in favor of the present system of \$8 40 on each pupil. If we include, as the cost of instruction, teachers' salaries and incidentals only, (the basis adopted by the State Board) the comparison will be still more favorable. On this basis, the cost of Instruction has been but \$6253.46, making the average cost of each full pupil \$13.41; a difference in our favor of \$12.02, for the annual cost of each full pupil. The cost per annum of each different pupil has been but \$9.06.

* Since the Winter term, the Board has increased the salaries of teachers. \$75 is the minimum for 2d and \$90 for 1st Grade Certif. per Qu. for the first 15, and the sliding scale of \$2 for each of the next 10; \$1 50 for each of the next 10, and \$1 per cap. for all above 35 per term. We will increase these rates as soon as our means permit.