

ment, and expenditures for transportation cost less per pupil than rural schools having one or two teachers chiefly because the classes were larger. Transportation was provided at public expense for 13,385 pupils at a cost of \$373,170.

Nearly three-fourths of the white schools, 45 per cent of the white elementary, and two-thirds of the colored schools in the counties reported that they had parent-teacher associations organized in 1927.

The index number for judging educational efficiency based on five items which evaluate attendance and five which indicate public interest as proved by financial support of schools, continues to show improvement for Maryland. For 1927 it registers 79.1 points in the entire State and 68.0 in the twenty-three counties, including both white and colored schools. In 1918 the index number for Maryland was 43.2 points. The goal is 100. For 1924 Maryland ranked twenty-sixth among the States in index number.

Maryland probably can never expect to rank first among the States in its educational index number, because half of the items included in computing it are based on the financial resources of the State. According to a bulletin recently issued by the National Education Association, Maryland ranks nineteenth among the States in index of economic resources per child. According to the 1924 report of the United States Bureau of Education, Maryland ranks thirty-second among the States in the amount spent in maintaining a pupil in school for one year. In financial items, Maryland can never hope to stand far above its rank in wealth, but in school administration, supervision, instruction, and interest of patrons in the schools, Maryland should rank among the first States in the Union.

1927 INDEX NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES FOR ALL WHITE AND COLORED SCHOOLS

ALL SCHOOLS		WHITE SCHOOLS		COLORED SCHOOLS	
County	Index Number	County	Index Number	County	Index Number
County Average...	{ *68.0 65.2	County Average...	{ *73.2 69.8	County Average...	{ *41.8 41.9
Baltimore	*86.0	Baltimore	*88.3	Allegany	*70.2
Allegany	*78.2	Montgomery	*83.8	Washington	*68.3
Montgomery	*75.6	Allegany	*77.9	Baltimore	*56.9
Washington	*69.4	Calvert	*76.8	Cecil	*48.9
Howard	*67.9	Howard	*75.0	Carroll	*47.6
Carroll	*67.4	Talbot	*73.6	Frederick	*45.3
Cecil	*66.6	Anne Arundel.....	*73.6	Kent	*44.5
Harford	*66.9	Queen Anne's.....	*73.5	Wicomico	*42.6
Prince George's	*65.9	Prince George's.....	*73.1	Somerset	*41.7
Frederick	*65.3	Caroline	*71.9	Talbot	*41.5
Queen Anne's	*64.9	Worcester	*70.8	Anne Arundel.....	*40.0
Caroline	*64.7	Harford	*70.2	Caroline	*39.9
Anne Arundel.....	*64.7	Kent	*70.0	Queen Anne's.....	*39.2
Talbot	*64.2	Washington	*69.4	Prince George's.....	*39.0
Garrett	*64.1	Cecil	*68.7	Dorchester	*38.9
Kent	*61.8	Carroll	*68.4	Charles	*37.5
Wicomico	*61.5	Dorchester	*67.7	Harford	*36.6
Worcester	*60.1	Somerset	*67.6	Worcester	*35.7
Dorchester	*59.3	Wicomico	*67.4	Montgomery	*32.3
Calvert	*58.0	Frederick	*67.4	Howard	*31.1
Somerset	*57.7	Charles	*66.1	Calvert	*28.6
Charles	*54.6	Garrett	*64.1	St. Mary's	*27.4
St. Mary's	*48.8	St. Mary's.....	*54.2		
Baltimore City.....	{ *98.0 98.7	Baltimore City.....	{ *100.7 102.9	Baltimore City.....	{ *85.1 78.7
State Average.....	{ *80.4 79.1	State Average.....	{ *84.3 83.2	State Average.....	{ *60.0 57.3

* In calculating the index numbers an average of capital outlay expenditures for a period of four years was used, instead of expenditures for the year 1927 only.