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OPINION LETTER NO. 249

Dr. Arthur L. Mallory
Commissioner of Education
State Department of Education
Jefferson State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Dr. Mallory:

This is in answer to your request for our review and certification of the State Board of Education's Application for Grant to Strengthen a State Department of Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Title V, Part A, Section 503, P.L. 89-10, as amended, for the fiscal year 1974.

It is the opinion of this office that the Missouri State Board of Education is the agency in this state primarily responsible for state supervision of public elementary and secondary schools, and is the "State educational agency" as defined in Section 801(k) of Title VIII of P.L. 89-10, as amended; and that the State Board of Education has the authority under state law to submit an application for a grant pursuant to Title V, Part A, P.L. 89-10. See Sections 161.092 and 178.430, RSMo 1969.

In conjunction with this letter opinion which constitutes our official certification of the application, we have completed the required certification form.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Danforth".

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General