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Dear Mr. Francis:

On behalf of Mr. Harold Crist, member of the State Board of Education, you inquire whether teachers may "use school time for teacher conferences and consider it as a part of a school day."

K.S.A. 72-1106 provides in pertinent part thus:

"A school month shall consist of four (4) weeks of five (5) days each of six (6) hours per day on which pupils of a school are under direct supervision of its teacher or teachers while they are engaged together in educational activities. Time reserved for parent-teacher conferences for discussions on the progress of pupils may be considered part of the school day."
[Emphasis supplied.]


The statute describes with great specificity the uses to which time must be put to be considered as a part of the school day. Time during which the pupils of a school are under direct supervision of its teacher or teachers while engaged together in educational activities, and time reserved for parent-teacher conferences for discussions of pupils' progress are by statute considered proper uses of time which may legally be accounted part of the school day. Time devoted solely to teacher conferences, i.e., conferences between and among teachers, cannot,

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in our opinion, be properly considered as a part of the school day, without permissive legislation.

I enclose a copy of 1975 House Bill No. 2158, by which it is proposed to elaborate the description of uses of time which may properly be considered part of the school day.

Yours very truly,


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Enclosure