

624 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

This project will serve approximately 3,500 children during the current school year—only one-half of those in need of such services.

Last summer we operated a "free" Summer School Project for 4,912 elementary and secondary children at a cost of \$625,000.00. The prospects for a similar project this summer are dim indeed. However with \$72,408.00, we will operate a Basic Swimming Instruction Project for 10,000 children in grades 5 and 6, utilizing 12 portable pools. Details of the project are contained in the attached summary.

TITLE II

Based upon 133,094 children enrolled in Public and Private Schools—October 1, 1966, the Memphis City Schools allotment is \$257,233.00. We plan to utilize all funds for the purchase of library books only. We will share proportionately (\$1.93 per child) with the children enrolled in the local Catholic Schools, Harding Academy Schools (Church of Christ) and the Hebrew Academy—the only private schools in Memphis in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. We experienced no difficulty in the administration of Title II last year and anticipate none this year.

TITLE III

We are currently implementing a \$44,243.00 Planning Grant awarded November 15, 1966 by USOE under Title III. A multi-million dollar "Mid-South Regional Science Center" is being planned to serve students, teachers, and the general public in 13 West Tennessee counties. The primary objective of the Mid-South Regional Science Center is to provide innovative and exemplary science programs and services for the improvement of science education. We will submit our application for an operational grant on July 1, 1967.

PUBLIC LAW 874

Memphis City Schools became eligible for P.L. 874 funds when the percentage of eligible children was lowered from 5% to 3% of the total pupil membership.

For the 1965-66 school year, a survey was taken in September and again in May. In September we found 4,782 eligible out of 120,119 children, and in May we had 4,892 out of 118,661 children. We received \$531,190—4.05% of our children have parents or guardians working on, but not living on, federal property in Memphis. A base allotment of $\$230.72 \times .50$ per child was granted.

The law was again liberalized for the 1966-67 school year. All personnel in the uniformed services regardless of location were declared eligible. Our September count has requested payment for 5,898 out of 120,312 or 4.9%. Estimated revenue for 1966-67 from P.L. 874 would be greater than \$650,000 based on an allotment of $\$238.00 \times .50$.

SUMMARY

Although we did not address specifically all areas under consideration for amendment, a review of our P.L. 89-10 Projects indicates that we have a vested interest in practically all areas. We strongly support amendments relative to Comprehensive Educational Planning; Innovation in Vocational Education; Expanded Educational Opportunities for Handicapped Children and the Federally Impacted Areas Program.

In conclusion your attention is invited to the fact that we are, as of this date, operating on a *tentative basic* allocation under Title I. We still do not know the amount of our *firm* allocation for the current school year. The timely funding of programs at authorized levels continues as a significant problem. School people base their plans upon authorizations. Accordingly, if sound, well planned programs are to be operated, full funding of the various educational acts is essential.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY MR. STIMBERT, BOARD OF EDUCATION,
MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act 1965, Title I, Public Law 89-10

TENTATIVE BASIC FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$2,550,000

General.—The Title I Program for the school year 1966-67 includes the following projects: