

**Bonds—Schools—School Districts—Warrants.**

School districts have no authority to issue funding bonds under the emergency law for the purpose of funding warrants issued for the construction of school buildings.

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My dear Mr. Crawford:

You have requested my opinion as to whether or not a school district can fund outstanding registered building warrants under the Emergency Law.

Section 1 of Chapter 130 of the Laws of 1923 expressly provides that funding bonds may be issued:

“whenever at any time such district shall have a floating indebtedness incurred on or before July 1, 1923, for teachers’ salaries, school supplies and other necessary expenses incurred in the maintenance of schools in such district.”

It is my opinion that the words "teachers' salaries, school supplies and other necessary expenses incurred in the maintenance of schools" are not sufficiently broad to authorize the funding of warrants issued for the construction of school buildings.

The rule is well settled that acts of this kind are strictly construed and the warrants to be funded must be confined to the class enumerated in the act.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.