OPINION 56-100

February 17, 1956 (OPINION)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

RE: Assessments

Your letter of February 15, 1956, requesting an opinion from this office, has been received.

You state that Dunn Center installed a sewer system to which your school has been connected. You ask whether your school district can legally pay the assessment from your school building fund.

Section 57-1517, subsection 1, of the 1953 Supplement, as amended, referring to expenditures from the school building fund, reads in part as follows:

"Such funds shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes of erecting new school buildings, or additions to old school buildings, or major repairs of existing buildings."

We assume that the new sewer installation in your school replaced an old system, and if such was the case, we are of the opinion that it constituted a major repair to an existing building, and may, therefore, be paid for from funds in your school building fund.

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