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INDIAN SCHOOL AT PHOENIX, ARIZ.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of appropriation for the Indian school at Phoenix, Ariz., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.*

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MARCH 27, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 26, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 21st instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for the Indian school at Phoenix, Ariz., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, amounting to \$46,800, in lieu of the estimate of \$27,050 for the said school to be found on page 152 of the Book of Estimates for 1895.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS,  
*Acting Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, March 16, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter dated the 10th instant, returning for further consideration and report office letter of January 9 last, wherein recommendation was made that Congress be requested to appropriate the sum of \$71,800 for the support of the Phoenix, Ariz., Indian School (in lieu of the sum of \$27,050 as embraced in the estimates of appropriations) for the ensuing fiscal year.

The increased appropriation requested was intended to cover the cost of construction of certain buildings and for the completion of waterworks and sewerage systems at the school, which improvements would involve the expenditure of \$33,000.

While I am sincere in the belief that the buildings asked for are appropriate and necessary for the enlargement of the Phoenix school plant, and that they would not prove to be unnecessarily expensive considering the increased facilities they would afford for the education of a greater number of Indian pupils, I respectfully submit the following revised estimate of appropriation, to which I have given careful consideration, in deference to the wishes of the Department and its expressed unwillingness to recommend a larger amount for building purposes:

Support of Indian School, Phoenix, Ariz.:

Support and education of 200 Indian pupils at the Indian School, Phoenix, Ariz., at \$175 each per annum.....	\$35,000.00
Pay of superintendent at said school.....	1,800.00
Erection of laundry and equipment.....	3,000.00
Erection of hospital.....	3,000.00
Erection of office and for general repairs.....	2,000.00
Completion of waterworks and for sewerage.....	2,000.00
	46,800.00

The revised estimate is less by \$25,000 than that contained in office letter of January 9, 1894, the reduction being accomplished by the elimination of the items of \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the erection of dining hall and kitchen and school building and assembly hall.

I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to appropriate the sum of \$46,800 for the support of the Phoenix School during the fiscal year, as per the revised estimate above set forth.

The original recommendation of this office, with copies of this letter, are herewith respectfully inclosed.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *March 21, 1894.*

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that it receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH,  
*Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,  
*Phoenix, Ariz., November 25, 1893.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following estimate for carrying on the Phoenix School during the fiscal year 1895, for your consideration, with the request that the same be submitted for the action of Congress, viz:

Support of 200 pupils, at \$175.....	\$35,000.00
Pay of superintendent.....	1,800.00
Erection of dining hall and kitchen.....	10,000.00
Erection of laundry and equipment.....	3,000.00
Erection of 6-room school building and assembly hall.....	15,000.00
Erection of hospital.....	3,000.00
Erection of office, and general repairs.....	2,000.00
Complete waterworks and sewerage.....	2,000.00
	71,800.00

Upon completion of dormitory (plans being made as per instructions) 200 pupils can be accommodated, and with increased facilities, as above enumerated, 300 pupils can have ample accommodation.

Located as this institution is, in the "Famous Salt River Valley," within 3 miles of Phoenix, the Territorial capital and metropolis, surrounded by well-improved fruit farms and stock ranches, and in the midst of an intelligent and progressive community, it enjoys peculiar advantages and is easily accessible to the great majority of the Indians, making it the best point for a large Indian industrial training school in Arizona.

There are about 7,000 Indian children in Arizona of school age, and accommodations for 800 are provided within the limits of the Territory.

The Pimas and Maricopas, of whom I am better posted, are really anxious to educate their children, and of all Indians I have labored among they seem the most earnest, tractable, and deserving.

If it is the aim of the Indian Bureau to extend the school-work here and increase the capacity of this school, I would respectfully ask favorable consideration of the request contained in this communication.

I inclose a plan of the school farm and premises, showing the location of buildings now erected, as well as those proposed, and purposes for which needed.

Very respectfully,

HARWOOD HALL,  
*Superintendent and Special Disbursing Agent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*

