

File No. 34173

Baltimore, June 5, 1923.

Mr. Ralph C. Sharretts, Secretary,  
Public Improvement Commission,  
City Hall, City.

In re: Right of Public Improvement Com-  
mission to purchase additional  
land for the Parental School lo-  
cated outside of the City limits

Dear Sir:

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I have your letter of the 4th instant inquiring as to the power of your Commission to spend its funds for the purchase of land adjacent to the Parental School located near Catonsville.

By the provisions of Section 158 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland

"the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the several Boards of School Commissioners for the counties may establish schools to be known as Parental Schools for children between seven and sixteen years of age, who are habitual truants from school or from instruction; the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may, in its discretion, establish such school or schools, either in Baltimore City or in one or more counties of the State."

By Section 2 of Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1922, which authorizes the City to issue a loan of \$15,000,000.00 for the acquisition of schoolhouse sites, etc., it is provided

"that the proceeds of the stock hereby authorized to be issued shall be used for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of the acquisition of schoolhouse sites and the construction of school buildings and additions to and reconstruction of existing school buildings of the City of Baltimore."

As the Parental School is an existing school of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore located in Baltimore County, it is within the power of the Public Improvement Commission to purchase the land adjacent thereto for the use of that school.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Roland R. Marchant  
City Solicitor