

Our schools occupy nearly the same ground as reported the past year.

We have five districts, and in each district a school has been maintained during the whole year, vacations excepted.

We have had but two or three changes of teachers.

Our schools seem to live and prosper in the favor of the people, and are undoubtedly proving a great benefit, particularly to many who would otherwise have no means to educate their children.

Some objections might be made to the working of the system of free schools, but I am doubtful whether anything could be instituted more beneficial to society at large.

All our teachers have licenses, and I believe all are faithful and punctual in their duties.

The several boards of trustees have been attentive to the wants of their schools, and we believe we may report the schools in Belleville township to be in a healthy, growing state.

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Town Superintendent.