

Council or the Board which appointed him, or for the adjustment of disputes; and one of such half-yearly visits shall be made between the *first of April* and the *first of October*, and the other between the *first of October* and the *first of April*.\*

**Examine the state of the School.**

(4) To examine at each half-yearly visit the state and condition of the school, as respects the progress of the pupils in learning,—the order and discipline observed,—the system of instruction pursued,—the mode of keeping the school registers,—the average attendance of pupils,—the character and condition of the building and premises,—and to give such advice as he may judge proper.

**Deliver Annual Lecture in each Section.**

(5) To deliver in each of his school sections, at least once a year, a public lecture on some subject connected with the objects, principles, and means of practical education; and to do all in his power to persuade and animate parents, guardians, trustees, and teachers, to improve the character and efficiency of the common [and separate] schools, and to secure the sound education of the young generally.

**See to Observance of lawful Regulations.**

(6) To see that all the schools are managed and conducted according to law.

**Attend certain Meetings.**

(7) To attend the meetings of the Board of Public Instruction.

**Attend Arbitration—Decide Disputes.**

(8) \* \* \* \* to decide upon any questions submitted to him which arise between interested parties under the operation of this or of any former Act; or, if he deems it advisable, to refer any such question to the Chief Superintendent of Education.†

**Any person may Appeal to Chief Superintendent.**

And any aggrieved or dissatisfied party in any case not otherwise provided for, shall have the right of appeal to the Chief Superintendent of Education.§

\* Notes should be taken at these official visitations of the schools; but no notice of the time of holding them should be given to the parties concerned.

† See regulations relating to correspondence with the Department, pages 13, 14

§ *The Common School Act of 1860 further enacts:*

14. The Chief Superintendent shall have authority to decide upon all disputes and complaints laid before him, the settlement of which is not otherwise provided for by law, and upon all appeals made to him from the decision of any local superintendent or other school officer. [In regard to these appeals, see regulations in regard to communications with the Educational Department, pages 13, 14.]