

**DOCUMENT 14 – COMMUNICATION CONCERNING SANITARY CONDITIONS  
AT SIXTH WARD SCHOOLS**

**December 22, 1879**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the Common Council of the City of Chicago.

Gentlemen,

It is currently reported, that the Public Schools of the 6th Ward are in bad sanitary condition, and breeding places for Contagious Diseases, such as Scarlet Fever, Diphteria &c., and that Scholars thus afflicted are allowed to remain at these Institutions during School hours, and that in consequence thereof, these Diseases are spreading among the Public with fearfull rapidity: Therefore be it

resolved, by the City Council of the City of Chicago, that the Board of Public Education be, and the same is hereby requested to inquire into the sanitary condition of the above named Institutions, and also as to the truthfulness of such rumors, and to report the result of such inquiry to this Council at its earliest convenience.

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