

Learning

Instruction in the schools is absolutely essential because the school is the first nursery of Christianity. — Sommerfelder Schulregeln

From the first years of West Reserve settlement, the school was regarded as an integral part of the church community. The education of children was the responsibility of the family and of the church, and not of the state. Even after the Reinland school was no longer under church jurisdiction, a strong identification of the school with the village community continued to exist. Strong resistance developed at every point where the school-community interrelationship was challenged. In 1976 when most smaller community schools in the province had disappeared, some village schools, including that of Reinland, were still existing and testifying to the strength of these communities.