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April 11, 1950

To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education
Re: Equal Pay for Equal Work.

I acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of April 11, 1950, advising me that you have been asked by representatives of two local teacher organizations in the State for an opinion as to whether or not the provisions of Chapter 262 of the Public Laws of 1949 apply to teachers, and you request me to advise you on a proper response to this question.

I should advise them that Chapter 262 of the Public Laws of 1949 is an addition to Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, which relates to the Department of Labor and Industry. Sections 38, 39 and 40 of said Chapter 25 relating to the Department of Labor and Industry, have a sub-heading designated, "Payment of Wages," and Section 40-A is an addition to Section 40 under said sub-heading and relates to the payment of wages by corporations, persons, or partnerships engaged in certain industries as set forth in Section 38. The profession of teaching is not mentioned in Sections 38, 39 and 40 or in the new Section 40-A, which is under the designation of "Payment of Wages," and therefore does not apply to teaching positions which are under contracts with superintending school committees or superintendents of schools in cities and towns.

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