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January 31, 1952

*Yes*

To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education  
Re: Eastport Petition

This office is in receipt of your memo of January 28, 1952, in which you inquire if paragraph XII, Section 3, Chapter 37, R. S., a statute which grants to the Commissioner of Education the power, under certain conditions, to make an inspection of the schools of a town, gives the right to investigate the relationship between the superintending school committee of the City of Eastport and the superintendent of Union 104.

It is the opinion of this office that paragraph XII, supra, is limited in scope. The inspection may be made, on petition, but the findings and reports are limited to the standards of buildings, equipment, organization, and instruction. Thus the scope of the inspection is limited particularly to the areas above mentioned.

The petition presented to you does not ask for an inspection of buildings, equipment, organization, or instruction, but of matters of purely local concern, not falling within your prescribed powers. It is therefore our opinion that you have no power to make the inspection with respect to the conditions set forth in the petition.

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