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Dorothy Steward  
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Dear Ms. Steward:

I have your letter of January 29 in which you inquire whether or not a teacher-aide in a school administrative district may be district director from one of the towns in the school administrative district.

I believe the question is really answered by Title 20, § 472. That section contains a sentence which says:

"No member of the school committee of any such town, or spouse, shall be employed as a full-time teacher in any public school in said town or contract high school or academy located within a supervisory union of which he is a member of the joint committee."

Although the above is a statutory statement of incompatibility of a full-time teacher, I believe the theory upon which this is based is well applicable to a teacher-aide. The school administrator's directors set up the budget, determine salaries and set other policies. Consequently, a district director who was also employed in the schools would be setting his own salary, determining his hours of employment and determining other matters relative to that employment. This would create an incompatible situation.

Very truly yours,

George C. West  
Deputy Attorney General

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