

The primary question then before us is, whether a high school principal or a grade school principal comes within the word "teacher," as it appears in section 7600 G. C. It may be said that while there are a number of sections of the statutes dealing specifically with the affairs of superintendents, engaged in school work, the statutes are very largely silent upon those persons who are designated or referred to as "principals" in the public schools. You indicate in your letter that some of these principals spend all of their time in "supervisory duties." This can hardly be true in the strict sense of the use of the word "supervisory," for the principal, as such, whether in a high school or in a grade school, does not possess any independent supervisory authority, but in almost all cases, even in a 4740 district, is under a superintendent employed as such in that school district. The duties of a principal are largely disciplinary in his school, partaking in a nature of supervisory duties, but the latter cannot be considered as being of such a scope as to make him a superintendent in any degree and thus fall within the language of the statute relative to a part time superintendent, as construed in opinion 1226, as heretofore cited. Rather is the principal detailed or designated, while still a teacher, to be the principal of such high school or grade school for disciplinary purposes, having, of course, supervision over both teachers and pupils, but not the power or authority of the superintendent.

Attention is invited to the language of section 7705 G. C., which reads in part as follows:

"* * * In all high schools and consolidated schools *one of the teachers shall be designated by the board as principal* and shall be the administrative head of such school."

This is practically the only section of the statutes which speaks of a principal in connection with his being a teacher, and this section does say that the person, while still a teacher, shall be designated as "principal" in all high schools and consolidated schools for the purpose of being the administrative head of such school, that is, the person designated to administer the rules and regulations and policies required by the superintendent or possibly the part time superintendent.

It must therefore be held, in the light of section 7705, that the principal of a high school, or a grade school, if not employed as a superintendent, is still a teacher within the meaning of section 7600 and distribution of the funds mentioned in such section should be made on the basis that the principals mentioned are teachers within the meaning of such section.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR ERECTION OF SCHOOL BUILDING.

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