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January 26, 1938.

Mr. W. T. Markham,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Markham:

Our Department of Physical Education in the School of Education is endeavoring to make a job analysis among the principals and superintendents of the schools in the State of Kansas toward finding the prescription for the proper procedure in physical education.

We are endeavoring to graduate majors in the Department of Physical Education, both men and women, who will acceptably fill a very necessary place in physical education and health. The first move that I made was to write to Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, and ascertain this fact from him: That last year 644 high schools played basketball, 433 participated in track, 339 played football, 321 participated in baseball, and 183 in tennis, 49 in golf and 16 had interschool competition in wrestling.

I am wondering if you are in position to inform me as to how many high schools are meeting the law at present in regard to their coaches and physical directors having the required number of hours in physical education and health. We expect to send a questionnaire to the superintendents and principals asking them for information as to what academic subjects their physical education instructors and athletic coaches teach. Another question will be asked as to what subjects they would prefer to have this type of teacher instruct.

I would be very happy to have any suggestions from you as to how we can make this questionnaire of reciprocal value to the schools in the state and to our department in the School of Education. If you have any information that would be helpful to us in outlining a more comprehensive questionnaire I would appreciate it.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education.