

DOCUMENT 11 – PETITION CONCERNING SCHOOL TEACHERS’ SALARIES

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TRANSCRIPTION

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common
Council of the City of Chicago.

The under signed Teachers in the Common Schools of the City of Chicago, would respectfully state that during the time they have been in the employ of the City, (one for nearly five years, the other for two years) they have devoted their whole time and attention to their duties as Teachers, and to their improvement in their vocation: that their duties are responsible and arduous, and they believe they have discharged them to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Inspectors, under whose immediate supervision they have acted—: and also have met with the approbation of the parents, whose children have been placed under their care. The under signed would respectfully suggest to your Honorable Board, that the salary fixed for Teachers (\$400 per annum) is insufficient for the support of those who are competent to teach; that they are not as well paid as most persons engaged in mercantile and mechanical employment, who have little responsibility resting upon them, and whose duties are less arduous than

those of the Teachers — that in justice to the
Cause of Education, Teachers of your Common
Schools should be respectfully rewarded
if not well paid for their services, and would
therefore request your consideration to the subject
of an addition to the salary of the
under signed

A. D. Sturtevant

A. G. Wilder