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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	METCO Inc. Materials
Date:	1977 - 2014
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1410
Creator:	Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (Boston, Mass.) (Creator)
Extent:	2.5 Cubic feet (1 box, 8 map folders)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by METCO Inc., through Jean McGuire, Director, 2016

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Racial Imbalance Act of 1965 was passed by the Massachusetts General Court. It made the segregation of public schools illegal in Massachusetts, and stated that any public school in the Commonwealth whose student body was composed of over 50% of minority races was "racially imbalanced." The Boston School Committee was required to achieve "the complete integration of the Boston Public Schools" before September 1966. Significant civil unrest followed court-ordered busing to achieve the aims of this legislation, especially during the years 1974-1976. Against this background, METCO was started in 1966. METCO's mission was to enable voluntary integration in public schools in Metropolitan Boston, by enabling students who lived in the city to attend schools in the more affluent suburban areas, and provide better educational opportunities for minority students.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes: annual METCO Parent Handbooks which detailed the services METCO provided and provided other information for parents of children attending the METCO supported schools, 1977-2004; event programs from METCO gatherings, 2007-2014; flyers and handouts; and posters, including 7 hand-made posters created to be displayed at meetings, featuring photographs and articles on some of the school districts METCO served.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Busing for school integration -- Massachusetts -- Boston Metropolitan Area
- Education
- Race relations
- School integration
- Schools

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Handbooks
- Posters -- 1950-2000

Places:

- Boston (Mass.) -- Social conditions
- Massachusetts -- 20th century
- Massachusetts -- 21st century

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 1977-1978
Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 1978-1979
Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 1986-1987
Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 1988-1989
Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 1989-1990
Box 1, Folder 1	METCO Parent Handbook, 2001-2002
Box 1, Folder 2	METCO celebration materials, 2005, 2007, 2009
Box 1, Folder 3	METCO recognition dinner invitations and programs, 2010-2011, 2013-2014
Map-folder 1	Umoja! Unity! poster, undated
Map-folder 2	METCO Concord Public Schools poster collage, 1988-1993
Map-folder 3	METCO Weston Public Schools poster collage, 1988-1993
Map-folder 4	METCO Brookline Public Schools poster collage, 1989-1993
Map-folder 5	METCO Belmont Public Schools poster collage, 1988-1993
Map-folder 6	METCO Foxborough Public Schools poster collage, 1987-1988, 1993
Map-folder 7	METCO Marblehead Public Schools poster collage, 1979-1991
Map-folder 8	METCO Needham Public Schools poster collage, 1991, 1993