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Collection Overview

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

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

METCO Inc. Materials, 1977-2010, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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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

Geographic Names:

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