



*New York State Archives*

**New York State Task Force on Equalizing Educational  
Opportunity Consultant Contract and Administration Files  
13526**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	The Task Force on Equalizing Educational Opportunity was the direct result of a U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring unconstitutional New York's then-current system of school finance. The task force was directed to examine the educational and financial issues arising for city school districts from various litigation. The series consists primarily of materials relating to contracts with, and/or reports of, various consultants engaged by the task force to gather and analyze data on then-current and alternative school aid formulas.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Task Force on Equalizing Educational Opportunity
<b>Title:</b>	New York State Task Force on Equalizing Educational Opportunity consultant contract and administration files
<b>Quantity:</b>	3 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1978-1982
<b>Series:</b>	13526

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## Arrangement

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Arranged roughly by type of record.

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## Administrative History

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The Task Force on Equalizing Educational Opportunity (also known as the Special Task Force on Equity and Excellence in Education) was jointly appointed by Governor Carey and Chancellor Theodore M. Black of the Board of Regents on September 22, 1978.

The task force was a direct result of a decision by Supreme Court Justice L. Kinsley Smith (in the Levittown case) declaring unconstitutional New York's then-current system of school finance. Governor Carey and the Regents directed the task force to also examine the

educational and financial issues arising for city school districts from the Court of Appeals decision in the Hurd case, and related litigation.

The charge to the task force was to assemble the necessary background information on the issue of equalization and to prepare alternative approaches to a solution; that is, to investigate modification of the formula that allocated various types of school aid. Former member of the Board of Regents, Max Rubin, was designated as chairman of the task force.

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## Scope and Content Note

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The series consists primarily of materials relating to contracts with, and/or reports of, various consultants engaged by the Task Force on Equalizing Educational Opportunity to gather and analyze data on then-current and alternative school aid formulas. The series also includes a quantity of task force memoranda, correspondence, meeting files, and speeches.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Folder list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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## Access Terms

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- Administrative records

- Educational equalization--Law and legislation
- Consultants' reports
- Education--New York (State)--Finance
- New York (State)
- Investigating student aid formulas
- Analyzing education
- Real property tax
- Researching education finance
- Government aid to education--New York (State)
- Memorandums
- Speeches (documents)
- Rubin, Max, 1906-