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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of preliminary, interim, and final reports and supporting documentation related to the Regents Inquiry into the Character and Cost of Public Education. The reports provide background information, current state, and recommend for future action. Many reports also include charts, statistical tables, and appendices. Subjects include school district organization, financial support for education, adult and vocational education, the use of motion pictures and radio programs for instructional purposes, population trends, school construction, and health education.
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Arrangement

Roughly by area of study

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Administrative History

The Regents' Inquiry into the Character and Cost of Public Education (1935-1938) was funded by a major grant from the General Education Board and chaired by Regent Owen D. Young, chief executive officer of General Electric. The inquiry was initiated to address what was seen as structural deficiencies in the New York State Education Department in the face of rapidly increasing state involvement in education.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of typescript copies of preliminary, interim, and final reports and supporting documentation produced by the staff of the Regents Inquiry into the Character and Cost of Public Education. The reports contain information on the history of specific aspects of the state education system, the then-current state of education, and recommendations for future action. Many of the reports also include charts, statistical tables, and appendices. Subjects of the reports are widely varied, and include school district organization, financial support for education, adult and vocational education, the use of motion pictures and radio programs for instructional purposes, population trends, school construction, and health education.

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Related Information

Related Material

A2028Series A2028, Correspondence and Working Files from Study 7 of the Regents' Inquiry into the Character and Cost of Public Education, contains background files relating to some of the reports in this series

A2029Series A2029, Reports on Action Taken on Regents' Inquiry Recommendations Within the State Education Department, documents recommendations of the Regents' Inquiry and corresponding actions taken by the Education Department

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Use of Records

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Access Terms

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- Education--Finance
- New York (State)
- Investigating
- Education