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**New York State Education Department Commissioner's
Committee on Inquiry into Charges of Waste and
Extravagance in the Construction of School Buildings in New
York City Correspondence and Subject Files A2044**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series provides information on the Education Department inquiry into the planning, design, and construction of schools in New York City during the 1950s. Included are correspondence, published and unpublished reports, press releases, news clippings, memorandums, meeting minutes, notes, charts, statistical tables, and blueprints of school plans and construction details compiled by the committee in its investigation.
Creator:	New York (State). State Board of Charities
Title:	Education Department Commissioner's Committee on Inquiry into Charges of Waste and Extravagance in the Construction of School Buildings in New York City correspondence and subject files
Quantity:	3.5 cubic feet
Quantity:	4 microfilm rolls 35mm
Inclusive Date:	1949-1959
Series:	A2044

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Arrangement

Organized into three subseries: 1. Correspondence; 2. Subject files; 3. Research files.

Correspondence files: arranged alphabetically by correspondent, then usually reverse chronological order.

Subject files: numeric by file number.

Research files: by record type.

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Administrative History

A committee of three citizens under the chairmanship of Henry T. Heald was appointed in December 1958 by the Commissioner of Education to inquire into charges by New York City's Comptroller of waste and extravagance in school construction. The committee's report, *School Construction in New York City*, was published in 1959 by the State Education Department.

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, published and unpublished reports, press releases, clippings, memoranda, meeting minutes, notes, charts, statistical tables, and blueprints used by the New York City School Construction Inquiry in its investigation of charges of waste in New York City school construction. This series provides information on the conduct of the commissioner's inquiry on the planning, designs, and construction of schools in New York City during the 1950s.

Research files: materials collected by the Inquiry include copies of correspondence, minutes, press releases, and memoranda submitted by the city Board of Education (ca. 1949-1959); published reports, pamphlets and newspaper clippings (ca. 1951-1959); and blueprints of school plans and construction details.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Container list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

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

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microform available from New York State Library on interlibrary loan: AFM 30.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Collation date 1958-1959.

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Access Terms

- Schools
- Education
- New York (State)
- School buildings
- Investigating
- New York (State). Education Department. Assistant Commissioner for Instructional Services
- Heald, Henry T.