

THE EAST DETROIT FEDERATION OF TEACHERS COLLECTION
8 Manuscript Boxes

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The papers of the East Detroit Federation of Teachers were deposited with the Labor History Archives on November 16, 1967 by the East Detroit Federation of Teachers.

The first step toward organization of teachers in East Detroit began in 1935. In that year a group of teachers, with the assistance of some parents, unsuccessfully attempted to achieve an increase in salaries. After this, a Teachers' Club was organized to discuss possible courses of action. Between 1935 and 1942 Mrs. Frances Comfort and Mr. Arthur Elder came from the Detroit Federation to help organize a local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. The Macomb County Federation of Teachers, Number 698, was chartered as a local of the A.F.T. on February 18, 1942. In 1947 the teachers went on strike in a protest of school board policies. The strike was effective, and a raise in salaries was obtained. In the years following the strike, teachers received many more benefits as a result of unified action. Membership has grown steadily since the early 1950's.

The East Detroit Federation of Teachers Collection covers the period from 1953 through 1964.

Among the Correspondents are:

Cleveland Bailey	Mary Ellen Riordan
David Denman	Harold Ryan
Charles Goetz	August Scholle
Henry Linne	Robert Smiley
Carl Megel	

Important subjects covered are:

- American Federation of Teachers Certification
- Collective Bargaining
- Gains
- Grievances
- History, Policies, and Constitution as of May, 1964
- Insurance
- Legislation
- Mediation (Legal Matters)
- Merit Rating
- Michigan Federation of Teachers
- Retirement
- Supplementary Contract Information
- Tenure

Description of Series

The first series covers union material, and is located in Boxes 1-5. The second series covers material of the School District of East Detroit, and is located in Boxes 6-8.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Material relating to the A.F.T., bazaars, and blood banks. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder for the years 1954-1964.
2	Material relating to the Board of Education (School District of East Detroit), budgets, and certification. Citations and certificate of affiliation. Constitutions. Material relating to collective bargaining and co-op. Correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder for the years 1953-1964.
3	Department of Public Instruction's <u>News of the Week</u> , D.F.T.'s "New Teacher Kit." East Detroit Public Schools Institute Day. Financial Statements, Gains, Grievances, Gull Lake Conference, History, Policy, and Constitutions, Institutes, Insurance, Landrum-Griffin Act, Legislation, Macomb A.F.L. , Mediation (Legal Matters), Memberships, Merit Rating, Minutes, Michigan A.F.L.-C.I.O. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder for the years 1954-1964.
4	Material relating to the M.F.T., millage campaigns, and miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder for the years 1957-1964.
5	Miscellaneous items, President's correspondence, Publicity, Retirement, Scholarships, Social Affairs, <u>Spotlight</u> items, <u>Spotlights</u> , Supplementary Contract Information, Teachers' Residences, Tenure. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder for the years 1954-1964.
6	School District of East Detroit materials: Minutes, Handbook, Reports of the Superintendent of Schools. Arranged chronologically for the years 1954-1958.
7	School District of East Detroit materials: Minutes and agenda, Reports of Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education Information, Administrative Memoranda, Estimated Budget, Policy Project Information. Arranged chronologically for the years 1959-1962.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	Board of Education Policy Information, Budget for 1963-64, Minutes and Agenda, Reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Proposed School Calendar for 1964-65, Teaching Contract for 1964-65. Arranged chronologically for the years 1963-64.

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<u>Box</u> 1	Congressional Record re: Teachers A.F.T. -Constitution as of 1962 A.F.T. -Conventions (2 folders)-1959-1963 A.F.T. -Correspondence with enclosures -1962-64 A.F.T. -Defense Fund A.F.T. -Financial Statement -March 1962 A.F.T. -C.J. Megel's Addresses to A.F.T. Conventions -1957-62 A.F.T. -C.J. Megel on Collective Bargaining -1964 A.F.T. - Membership List Instructions A.F.T. -N.E.A. -1962 A.F.T. -N.Y.C. Story A.F.T. -Publications -1962-63 A.F.T. -Research -1956-63 A.F.T. - Two A.F.T. Victories A.F.T. - U.F.T. -1963 A.F.T. - Union Label A.F.T. -"Where Hostility Begins" by Leon Saul, M.D. Bazaars -1954-62 Blood Bank
2	Board of Education (School District of East Detroit)- Buildings -1963 Board of Education (School District of East Detroit)- Correspondence -1956-59 Board of Education (School District of East Detroit)- Miscellaneous -1955-62 Board of Education(School District of East Detroit)- Policies (6 folders) -1956-64 and Undated Budgets -1957-62 Ceritfication -1958-60 Citations and Ceritficate of Affiliation -1954-60 Constitutions (Original-1963) Collective Bargaining -1962-64 Co-op -1964 Correspondence (5 folders) -1953-57

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Department of Public Instruction - News of the Week
-1962-63
D.F.T. -"New Teacher Kit" -1962
East Detroit Public Schools Institute Day -March 29, 1957
Financial Statements -1954
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History, Policies, and Constitution as of May, 1964
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M.F.T. -Administrative Board, Executive Council -1961
M.F.T. -Administrative Board, Executive Council, Treasurer
(3 folders) -1962-64
M.F.T. - Constitution and By-Laws (as of Oct. 27, 1962)
M.F.T. -Conventions (3 folders) -1961-64
M.F.T. -Correspondence -1960-63
M.F.T. -Detroit Controversy -1958-59
M.F.T. -Miscellaneous -1957-64
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President's Correspondence (2 folders) 1962-64
Publicity -1962-63
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Spotlight Items -1956-62
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Supplementary Contract Information -1954-64
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School District of East Detroit -Minutes -1954
School District of East Detroit -Handbook for Educational
Personnel -1955-56
School District of East Detroit -Minutes -1956
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools -1956
School District of East Detroit -Minutes (2 folders) -1957
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
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School District of East Detroit -Minutes (2 folders) -1958
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School District of East Detroit -Minutes -1959
School District of East Detroit - Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools - 1959
School District of East Detroit -Minutes -1960
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools -1960
School District of East Detroit -Board of Education Infor-
mation -1961
School District of East Detroit -Minutes -1961
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools -1961
School District of East Detroit -Administrative Memoranda -
1962
School District of East Detroit -East Detroit Public Schools
Estimated Budget -1962
School District of East Detroit -Minutes and Agenda -1962
School District of East Detroit - Policy Project Information
(2 folders) -1962
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools -1962

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School District of East Detroit -Board of Education Policy
Information -1963
School District of East Detroit -Budget for 1963
School District of East Detroit -Minutes and Agenda -1963
School District of East Detroit -Reports of the Superinten-
dent of Schools (2 folders) -1963
School District of East Detroit -Minutes and Agenda -1964
School District of East Detroit -Proposed School Calendar
for 1964-65 -1964
School District of East Detroit -Reports of Superintendent
of Schools -1964
School District of East Detroit -Teaching Contract for 1964-
1965 -1964