Detroit Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors Records

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Abstract
The Detroit Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors was formed in 1966 and received sole collective bargaining rights with the Detroit Board of Education in 1967. The union had between 1,300 and 1,400 members at its creation, and it continues to represent administrators and supervisors in Detroit Public Schools in regards to salaries and working conditions.

In the early 1980s, the administrators were working without a contract for a brief time and they conducted a sick-out, where principals and assistant principals used their sick days in order to protest labor without contract. Their main concerns wages and job security.

The Detroit Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors Records contains correspondence, newsletters, and newspaper clippings about the sick-out, as well as documents explaining their ultimate collective bargaining goals. Additionally, this collection contains some newspaper clippings related to controversial administrative transfers and a case of an inappropriate relationship between two administrators and former students. Finally, this collection holds some materials from related organizations such as the American Federation of School Administrators and information about the NAACP Overground Railroad March in 1983.

Important Subjects:
- American Federation of School Administrators
- American Federation of Teachers
- Detroit Federation of Teachers
- Detroit Public Schools
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Strikes and lockouts – Teachers – Michigan

Important Names:
- Boggs, Donald
- Detroit Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors
- Detroit Teachers Association
- Gordon, Aaron

Arrangement
Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are in original order based on the material as it was put together in scrapbooks, and not further arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.
Assistant Principals Group, Detroit Teachers Association, by laws, roster, President's reports, 1949-1960
2 Newspaper articles about teacher and administration strikes, 1980-1984
3 Photocopied newspaper articles and newsletters about strikes, pay cuts, and union rights, 1980-1984
4 Correspondence, newspaper articles, and documents related to organization of schools administrators and supervisors union bargaining, 1981
5 Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors, correspondence and newsletters, 1980-1986
6 American Federation of School Administrators, newsletters and financial reports, 1982-1989
7 Wayne State University, College of Education Alumni Association spring newsletter, 1984
8 George Leslie Bibb's, obituary, 1990
9 African American Media Society, History of African American Education Media Project, event invitation, 1989
10 Council of Supervisors and Administrators of the City of New York, support letter for changes in teacher certification requirements, 1986
11 Detroit Association of Black Organizations, meeting notice, 1987
12 Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, meeting minutes, 1976
13 GNMMBC's Annual Men's Day, event invitation, 1985
14 Department of Education Administrator Certification Code, 1989
15 Photocopies of newspaper articles about school administrators, 1980-1984
16 Newspaper articles about administrator transfers and Smith and Sellers case of fraternizing with students, 1980-1984
17 A History of the Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors, John Yoskovich, 1974
18 NAACP, Overground Railroad March, 1983
19 NAACP, Overground Railroad March, newspaper clippings, 1983
20 Education professional unions meetings, photographs, 1980-1981
21 Assistant Principals Group. Detroit Teachers Association, photographs, undated