

WALTHAM EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS AND STUDIES

Scope and Content

This series contains materials written by and about the public schools in Waltham. Included here are published studies and reports regarding the condition of schooling in Waltham, the condition of school buildings and students needs. Items have been produced by the government, consulting firms and the schools themselves.

Many studies in this series examine the physical plant of the Waltham schools and attempt to define future school housing needs. These items discuss changes in enrollment in Waltham schools and examine school facilities and traffic patterns around the schools. Various plans for the growth of Waltham schools are offered. In addition, some plans discuss the overall performance of the school system and include summaries of the school atmosphere, student performance, budgets etc.

An item worthy of note in this series is *From Work To School*. This booklet was published by the US Department of Labor Children's Bureau in 1917. It is "a study of children leaving school under 16 years of age to go to work in Waltham, Mass..." and offers a look at the living conditions and schooling needs of children in Waltham. The paper discusses why Waltham children left school in the early twentieth century, where they worked and their opportunities for advancement. It discusses the problems of child labor, examines 1917 Massachusetts' law in regard to the employment of minors, and how the school system needed to change to meet community needs. In short, this paper offers a fascinating and unique look at child labor in industrial Waltham. Also unique in this series is a dropout prevention study from 1987. This item discusses established dropout programs in Massachusetts and discusses Waltham's dropout population. Recommendations for caring for potential Waltham school dropouts are offered.

Finally, this series houses Waltham School Improvement Plans beginning in 1994. These plans are updated annually and include school mission statements, goals and action plans for all of the public schools in the city including; Jonathan Bright School, James Fitzgerald School, Ezra C. Fitch School, MacArthur School, Northeast School, T. R. Plympton School, Henry Whittemore School, South Middle School, N. P. Banks School, Waltham High School, Waltham Vocational High School, and Kennedy Middle School.

Arrangement

Items in this collection are arranged chronologically and are housed in two boxes. It is an artificially arranged collection made up primarily of items found boxed and unarranged in the Waltham Room in 1994. Newly accessioned materials included the School Improvement Plans. The current year's School Improvement plans are housed in the reference department. When new plans are brought in the previous year's will be moved to the archives. This is expected to occur on an annual basis.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1		Abels, Margaret Hutton. <i>From School to Work</i> , 1917 (A study of children leaving school to go to work in Waltham)
		Center For Field Studies, Harvard Graduate School of Education. <i>The Present and Future: A Plan For Meeting Waltham's School Housing Needs</i> , 1951. (2 copies)
		City of Waltham Office of Planning. <i>Meeting Present and Future Public School Needs 1965-1975</i> , 1965.
		Bruce Campbell and Associates, Inc. <i>Access Study: John F. Kennedy Junior High School and Waltham Senior High School</i> , 1971.
		Massachusetts Dept. of Education. <i>1992-1993 Per Pupil Expenditures</i> , September 1994.
		Richmond-Paley Associates, <i>A Technical, Educational and Financial Survey of the City of Waltham School System</i> , 1973.
		New England Association of Schools and Colleges, <i>Evaluation of Waltham High School</i> , 1985
		Sargent, Diane and Janet Applefield. <i>Dropout Prevention: Assessment, Findings, Recommendations, Waltham Public Schools</i> , 1987
		Alliance for a Better Community, <i>School Survey Report</i> , 1993 Newsclippings
		School Improvement Plans, (Includes: Jonathan Bright School, James Fitzgerald School, Ezra C. Fitch School, The MacArthur School, Northeast School, T. R. Plympton School, Henry Whittemore School, South Middle School, N. P. Banks School, Waltham High School, Waltham Vocational High School, Kennedy Middle School)
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