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**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Commissioner's Office**

**An Inventory of Its Correspondence**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Education. Commissioner's Office.
- Series Title:** Correspondence,
- Dates:** 1980-1993.
- Abstract:** Three sets of correspondence covering the terms of commissioners Howard Casmey (1980-1981), John Feda (1981-1983), Ruth E. Randall (1983-ca. 1989), Tom Nelson (ca. 1989-1991), and Gene Mammenga (1991-1993).
- Quantity:** 2.75 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

The alphabetical letters (January 1980 - August 1993), filed primarily by sender's surname, are incomplete (missing A, C, E, Q, U). They mainly consist of letters between private citizens and the commissioner concerning personal issues involving the state's educational facilities and programs.

The 1972-1990 letters are mainly between the commissioner and various departmental staff and Board of Education members. Arranged alphabetically by recipient's surname, they deal mainly with position changes and board appointments.

The chronological correspondence (June 1984 - July 1987) contains letters with constituents and other state departments and agencies and deals with all aspects of the administration and operation of the department.

**ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS**

Divided into three sets of correspondence: January 1980 - August 1993, alphabetical; 1972-1990; and June 1984 - July 1987, chronological.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Administrative agencies--Minnesota--Management.  
Education and state--Minnesota.  
School facilities--Minnesota.  
State departments of education--Officials and employees--Minnesota.

### Persons:

Casmey, Howard B.  
Feda, John J.  
Mammenga, Gene.  
Nelson, Tom.  
Randall, Ruth E.

### Organizations:

Minnesota. Board of Education.  
Minnesota--Officials and employees.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

Location	Box	Description
127.F.3.14F	1	<p>Correspondence, Alphabetical, January 1980 - August 1993. 20 folders. Incomplete set of alphabetical letters, filed primarily by sender's surname. Mainly letters between the commissioner and private citizens concerning personal issues involving the state's education facilities and programs.</p> <p>Files for A, C, E, Q, and U are missing. Not all of the files contain letters for the entire date span of the series.</p> <p>Correspondence, 1972-1990. 15 folders. Series of letters between the commissioner and various department staff and Board of Education members. The former deal mainly with position changes; the latter with appointments. Arranged alphabetically by surname.</p> <p>Birmingham, Mary, May 1978 - January 1981. Board member.</p> <p>Bromelkamp, Henry, July 1975 - July 1983. Board member.</p> <p>Chelgren, Dorothea, January 1972 - January 1980. Board member.</p> <p>Erickson, Wayne, May 1984 - April 1990. Curriculum Services Section.</p> <p>Gasterland, Lorin, February 1973 - April 1978. Board member.</p> <p>Gronseth, Marsha, February 1991 - January 1992. Board Executive Director.</p> <p>Kyle, Toyse, July 1985 - January 1987. Equal Education Opportunity Section Manager.</p> <p>Laliberte, Ron, June 1984 - December 1986. School District Organization, Transportation and Facilities Director.</p> <p>Rumpel, Claire, June 1987 - February 1990. Government Relations Director.</p> <p>Sauter, James, July 1987 - November 1989. Division of Management Effectiveness.</p>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
127.F.3.14F	1	Correspondence, 1972-1990 (cont.): Skoog, Dan, March 1984 - November 1989. Division of Management Effectiveness. Sullivan, Barry, April 1984 - November 1988. Government Relations. Tweten, Henry, January 1973 - January 1980. Board member. Weber, Patricia, April 1979 - June 1983. Board member. Zahn, Laura, November 1983 - April 1988. Executive Assistant.
127.F.4.1B	2	Correspondence, Chronological, June 1984 - July 1987. Letters with constituents and other state departments and agencies dealing with all aspects of the administration and operation of the department. June-December 1984. 1985. 11 folders. 1986 January-July. 21 folders.
127.F.4.2F	3	1986 August-December. 3 folders. 1987 January-July. [0.8 cu. ft. empty, letter]