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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### An Inventory of Its Reorganization Proposals

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Education.  
**Series Title:** Reorganization proposals.  
**Dates:** 1946-1959.  
**Quantity:** 2.6 cu. ft. (2 boxes and 2 partial boxes).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Two sets of files relating to the reorganization and consolidation of the state's school districts. The first set was kept by John McKee, school district reorganization supervisor for the north/northwest section of the state. Many of the materials relate to the work of reorganization consultants W. E. Hanson, Eugene Meyer, and B. N. Hendrickson and mainly detail their work with the various county superintendents. Included in the files are correspondence and statistics sheets documenting various aspects of the survey, including assessment values, population trends, orders issued by school boards, and school districts' receipts and cash on hand.

The second set of files includes mimeographed materials, printed flyers, and correspondence between Director of Rural Education T. C. Engum and reorganization consultants B. N. Hendrickson and W. E. Hanson, documenting activities throughout the state. They also contain correspondence about specific consolidation proposals, tax impact notices and compilations, lists of school officers, correspondence and petitions for and against specific consolidation proposals, maps, and newspaper clippings.

Also included with these records is a small set of correspondence between Rural Education Director Engum and the State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization, primarily discussing activities of the commission.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The main files are arranged in two alphabetical series by county name.

## INDEX TERMS

*These records are 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:

Educational surveys—Minnesota.  
School boards—Minnesota.  
School districts—Minnesota—Boundaries.  
School districts—Minnesota—Finance.  
School districts—Minnesota—Officials and employees—Registers.  
School management and organization—Minnesota.  
Schools—Centralization—Minnesota.

### Persons:

Engum, T. C. (Theodore C.).  
Hanson, W. E.  
Hendrickson, B. N.  
McKee, John.  
Meyer, Eugene.

### Organizations:

Minnesota. State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization.

### Types of Documents:

Maps.  
Clippings.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
109.B.18.15B	1	State Advisory Commission on School Reorganization correspondence, 1950-1954. 2 folders. Primarily incoming and outgoing with T. C. Engum, Director of Rural Education, regarding activities of the Commission.
105.D.13.7B	2	McKee files, 1946-1957. Two alphabetical series of files kept by John McKee, school district reorganization supervisor for the north/northwest section of the state; one arranged by county, the other by city. Many relate to the work of reorganization consultants W. E. Hanson, Eugene Meyer, and B. N. Hendrickson. County, 1946-1953. 16 folders. Aitkin, 1948-1951. Becker, 1948-1949. Benton, 1953. Clay, 1946-1948. Douglas, 1948. Faribault, 1948-1951. Eugene Meyer. Marshall, 1947-1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Martin, 1948. Norman, 1948. Pennington, 1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Polk, 1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Pope, 1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Red Lake, 1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Stevens, 1948. B. N. Hendrickson. Todd, 1951. W. E. Hanson. Wilkin, 1948.

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105.D.13.7B	2	City, 1948-1957. 48 folders. Barnesville Proposal, 1952-1953. Belgrade, [ca. 1951]. Bemidji, 1952. Bertha, 1952. Blooming Prairie, 1957. Brainerd, 1948-1953. Crookston, 1952-1953. Crosby, 1953. Cyrus, 1953. Deer Creek, undated. Detroit lakes, [ca. 1953]. Eagle Bend, undated. Fertile, 1952.
105.D.13.8F	3	Glyndon, undated. Goodridge-Grygla, 1952. Grey Eagle, 1950. Hackensack-Backus, 1952. Hancock Proposal, 1953. Hendrum, 1953. Hendrum-Perley, 1952. Henning, 1952. Herman Proposal, undated. Hitterdahl, 1953. Kensington Proposal, 1952. McGregor, 1948-1950. McIntosh, 1951. Milaca, 1953. Morris, 1952. Motley, 1952. New York Mills, 1953. Park Rapids, 1952. Parkers Prairie, 1951. Paynesville, undated. Pequot Lakes, 1952. Plummer, 1953. Princeton, 1953. Red Lake Falls, 1951-1952. Rothsay, 1953. Royalton, undated. Starbuck, 1951-1952. Stephen, 1952. Ulen, 1952-1953.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
105.D.13.8F	3	Underwood, 1953. Verndale, 1952. Villard, 1953. Wolf Lake, undated. Progress of School District Enlargement, 1950-1953.
109.B.18.15B	1	Engum files, 1947-1959 (bulk 1952-1957). Files kept by Engum, including correspondence with reorganization consultants B. N. Hendrickson and W. E. Hanson. Aitkin County, 1953-1956. Includes annual report for Independent Consolidated School District No. 4, McGregor, 1953/1954. Anoka County, 1953-1956. Especially Fridley and Centerville areas. Anoka County, District No. 47, Blaine, district profile, 1954. Anoka County, District No. 5, Centerville, 1953-1956. Becker County East, 1953-1956. Especially Pine Point. Becker County West, 1953-1956. Especially Lake Park, Audubon, and Detroit Lakes. Benton County, 1954-1958. Benton County, Sauk Rapids Proposal, 1954-1955. Cass County, 1948-1955. Chisago County, 1953-1957. Especially Lindstrom-Center City-Shafer. Clay County, Moorhead Reorganization Proposal, 1955. Cottonwood County, Jeffers Proposal, 1955. Cottonwood County, Lamberton Proposal, 1955. Cottonwood County, Mountain Lake and District No. 33 Proposal, 1951. Dakota County, 1954-1958. Dodge County, 1955-1956. Douglas County, Kensington Proposal, 1952-1953. Faribault County, Bricelyn, District No. 51 Proposal, 1953-1954. Faribault County, East Chain Consolidation, 1952. Fillmore County, 1955-1959. Especially Peterson, Lanesboro, and Ostrander. Fillmore County, Chatfield Proposals, 1956-1957. 2 folders. Fillmore County, Ostrander Proposal, 1953-1955. Fillmore County, Rushford Proposal, 1952-1953. Fillmore County, Spring Valley Proposal, 1953-1956. Freeborn County, 1954-1956.

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109.B.18.15B	1	Freeborn County, Albert Lea Proposal, 1955. Freeborn County, Emmons Proposal, 1954-1956. 3 folders. Freeborn County, Glenville Proposal, 1955-1956. Grant County, 1949-1951. Grant County, Norcross, 1955. Hennepin and Wright Counties, Hanover-Rockford Proposals, 1956. Jackson County, District No. 117, 1952-1954.
109.B.18.16F	4	Kandiyohi County, Prinsburg Consolidation, 1953. Koochiching County, Littlefork Proposal, 1955-1956. Le Sueur County, 1954, 1956. Lyon and Yellow Medicine counties, Cottonwood Proposal, 1947-1950. Lyon County, Marshall-Lynd Proposal, 1953-1955. Mahnomen County, 1955. Marshall-Pennington counties, Grygla-Goodridge Proposal, 1952-1956. Martin County, Triumph-Monterey Proposal, 1956-1957. McLeod County, Brownnton, 1953-1954. McLeod County, District Nos. 31 and 36 into Stewart, 1952. Meeker County, Cosmos Proposal, 1952-1954. Meeker County, Grove City Proposal, 1953. Mille Lacs County, Onamia, 1948-1950. Mower County, 1954-1958. Mower and Fillmore counties, LeRoy Proposal, 1956. Olmsted County, 1953-1954. Dahlke court case Olmsted County, Byron Proposal, 1956. Otter Tail County, Deer Creek Proposal, 1953-1955. Otter Tail County, District No. 119 and Elbow Lake, 1951-1952. Otter Tail County, New York Mills Proposal, 1953. Otter Tail County, Perham Proposal, 1954-1955. Pennington-Marshall counties, Thief River Falls Consolidation, Pipestone County, Ruthton Proposal, 1954-1955. Polk and Red Lake counties, Brooks-Erskine-Plummer Proposal, 1953-1956. Red Lake and Pennington counties, Plummer Proposal, 1953-1956. Redwood County, Belview Proposal, 1954. Redwood County, Milroy Proposal, 1952-1953. Redwood County. Sanborn Proposal, 1955. Rock County, District No. 25, 1954-1956. St. Louis County, 1956. Especially Hermantown. St. Louis County, Arnold-Homecroft-Lakewood, 1952-1954.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
109.B.18.16F	4	Sibley County, Green Isle Proposal, 1954. Steele County, Blooming Prairie District, 1956. Also Mower, Dodge, and Freeborn counties. Stevens County, 1957-1958. Swift County, Kerkhoven, 1957. Swift County, Murdock Proposal, 1955. Todd County, Clarissa Proposal, 1954. Wabasha County, Elgin Proposal, 1956. Wabasha County, <i>Rural High School</i> , 1955-1957. 2 folders. Wadena County, Sebeka Consolidation, 1955. Waseca County, 1953-1957. Waseca County, Consolidation of District No. 33 with Waldorf, 1953-1957. Washington County, 1953-1957. Wilkin County, Comstock-Wolverton Proposal, 1955-1957. Wright County, Delano Consolidation, 1957.