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SAFE SCHOOLS TASK FORCE

An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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HISTORY OF THE SAFE SCHOOLS TASK FORCE

The Safe Schools Task Force was created by the Senate in 1998, in response to many constituent and school personnel concerns about the safety procedures in Minnesota schools. Hearings were held in St. Paul, Willmar, Duluth and Rochester to discuss school violence and its ramifications and included students, teachers, and representatives from school districts, government agencies, and professional education organizations. It presented its report to the Senate in early 1999, with recommendations that the legislature continue to focus resources on such areas as children's mental health, substance abuse, family violence prevention, youth access to guns, school discipline, home visitation programs, family economic security, concentrations of poverty, length of school days, after school programs, and care and treatment programs for juvenile offenders. It also recommended that the following areas receive immediate action: school-level policies and plans, flow of information and data privacy, community involvement and early assessment, and continuing programs and resources.

The task force was composed of state senators Leonard K. Price (chair), Leo T. Foley, Jane B. Ranum, Claire Robling, Linda Runbeck, and Kendric J. Scheeval.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The records contain correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, news clippings and releases, legislation, and reports, covering all aspects of the task force's study and review of safety in the state's schools. Included are a copy of the task force's report (1999) and a number of background reports on school safety and violence (1995-2000).

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:
- Public schools--Minnesota--Safety measures.
- School violence--Minnesota.

Persons:
- Foley, Leo T.
- Price, Leonard R.
- Ranum, Jane B.
- Robling, Claire.
- Runbeck, Linda.
- Scheeval, Kendric J.

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Correspondence, news releases, statutes, meeting agendas, 1998-2000.
Meeting minutes, July-October 1998.
News clippings (photocopies), 1998.
Reports on school safety and violence, undated and 1995-2000. 2 folders.