



BHC-MSS 0210

Guide to the Records of the Citizens Committee for the Study of Bridgeport
Public Schools
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Citizens Committee for the Study of Bridgeport Public Schools

Title: Records of the Citizens Committee for the Study of Bridgeport Public Schools

Dates: 1959-1962

Quantity: 1 manuscript box

Abstract. The Citizens Committee for the Study (later Improvement) of Bridgeport Public Schools was founded by Anita Vogel (a future member of the Board of Education.) It would go on to serve as a check on the Board of Education and the City of Bridgeport when it came to advocating for Bridgeport public schools, and often focused on issues such as adequate supplies, dropout rates, and budgets before disbanding sometime in the mid-1960s.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

The Citizens Committee for the Study (later Improvement) of Bridgeport Public Schools was founded by Anita Vogel (a future member of the Board of Education.) There was a general understanding among Bridgeport residents that changes were needed to improve the system, and there was investment in doing so.

The Citizens Committee went on to serve as a check on the Board of Education and the City of Bridgeport when it came to advocating for Bridgeport public schools, and often focused on issues such as adequate supplies, dropout rates, and budgets. However, they also frequently invited speakers to discuss various topics in education, incorporating a pedagogical element to the group as well.

They appear to have ceased as an organization sometime in or around the mid-1960s. This was right before the creation of the School Volunteers Association, which provided support services to Bridgeport schools.

Scope and Content note:

The bulk of the material focuses on the reports and budgets that the group created in order to petition the Bridgeport board of education for the changes they wanted made to the school system. These include reports about dropouts, budgets, and collaborative work with other Bridgeport organizations. Clippings represent press coverage of their various actions at the time.

Arrangement Note:

Material has reports placed in front, with the group's original report and recommendations for a new Bridgeport high school placed first. Clippings follow.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1991.13, gift of Sonya Schopick

Preferred Citation:

Records of the Citizens Committee for the Study of Bridgeport Public Schools (BHC-MSS 0203), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Corporate names

City of Bridgeport. Board of education.

Citizens Committee for the Improvement of Bridgeport Public Schools

Subject tracings

Education

Educational equity

Bridgeport, Conn.

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

1. Report and recommendations on new high school for Bridgeport, 1959
2. Clippings and correspondence regarding report, 1959-1960
3. Clippings and correspondence regarding report, 1959-1960
4. Education reports and budgets, 1960-1962
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