Inventory for FOIA Request 2006-0613-F

School Choice / School Vouchers

Extent
332 folders

Access
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Provenance
Official records of George Bush’s presidency and vice presidency are housed at the George Bush Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By
Staff Archivists, December 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Scope and Content
The materials in FOIA 2006-0613-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials.

FOIA 2006-0613-F contains materials related to George Bush’s commitment to education reform while serving as Vice President and President. Under direction from President Reagan, the Department of Education and the Office of Policy Development organized a White House workshop in support of choice in education. Vice President Bush, along with other governmental leaders, addressed the group. Panels
composed of students, teachers, scholars, principals and other education specialists contributed their expertise during this workshop held in Washington, DC. During Bush’s presidency, a cooperative effort between the U.S. Department of Education and the White House Office of Policy Development created the National Education Goals Panel which, in turn, authorized the creation of the National Education Standards and Assessments Council. This entity established national education content and performance standards in addition to a voluntary system of assessments of those standards. Additionally, five regional strategy meetings on choice in education were held across the country to serve as a think tank for government officials. Using information gained from those sources, Bush proposed the G.I. Bill for Children which he based on the original G.I. Bill which gave scholarships to veterans to use at any public or private college of their choice. The purpose of this bill was to empower parents by allowing them, not the government, to decide where to educate their children. President Bush proposed that $1,000 annual scholarships should be given to each child of middle- and low-income families which would enable them to send their children to any lawfully operating school be it public, private or religious. The goal was for the scholarships to help defray the expenses for the parents, thus allowing school choice. Any state or locality could apply for federal funds to award the scholarships to qualifying families. Each state and locality would establish its own definition of “middle- and low-income” parameters to determine eligibility.

Many types of documents comprise the Bush Presidential portion of this FOIA. There are government forms which include property pass forms documenting borrowed equipment from the Executive Office of the President, fax cover sheets which transmitted information about meetings, and White House Staff memoranda which requested and documented actions on the transmitted information. Many letters are present, including those from Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander and President Bush to members of Congress regarding the president’s education reform proposals as outlined in the G.I. Bill for Children. There are numerous memos between staffers discussing budgets, logistical arrangements, and staffing assignments for meetings of the National Education Goals Panel as well as issues related to the education reform bill. Reports to Congress on the status of the national education goals are present. Multiple lists address panel meetings and contact information for private elementary and secondary school organizations, summaries of President Bush’s accomplishments in education, and his events related to education. There are texts of remarks made by President Bush at several venues on choice in education. Numerous drafts and final versions of papers are present and include the Bush Administration’s education reform agenda, the legislative proposal for the G.I. Bill for Children, a section-by-section analysis of the legislative proposal, talking points on the proposal, forms of school choice, comparisons of neighborhood school’s improvement bills, several states’ proposals on parental choice in education initiatives; private funding for parental choice, business and parental involvement in education, and state-by-state summaries of education programs and initiatives. Other topics include national student testing, parameters and descriptions of measuring tools for evaluation of program effectiveness and curriculum standards, and early childhood assessment and school readiness, including an analysis of Head Start’s effectiveness. Copies of The Federal Reporter newsletter list federal court decisions on educational choice, and the Congressional Record contains a conference report on S. 2 (the Neighborhood Schools Improvement Act). Notable publications in these holdings include The National Education Goals Panel’s Handbook for Local Goals Reports: Building a Nation of Learners; National Education Goals: Options For Measuring Student Achievement; The National Education Goals: A Report to the Nation’s Governors Executive Summary; National Education Goals Panel: Public Response to the 1991 Goals Report; 1990 Annual Report for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and the National Education Goals Panel’s Handbook for Local Goals Reports. Multiple news releases are present and cover national goals for education, proposed federal grants for state and local G.I. bills for children legislation, President Bush’s speech during the announcement ceremony for the education legislation, and multiple education-based topics. Various newspaper clippings and magazine articles report similar topics. Lastly, briefing books used during meetings of the National Education Goals Panel and National Assessment Governing Board are included in these holdings. These briefing books contain agendas, lists of panel members and representatives who attended the meetings, calendars of scheduled activities and major events, topic papers, progress reports, descriptions of outreach activities, and lists of federal programs addressing the national education goals.
Bush’s Vice Presidential records are comprised of letters, an agenda, budget, papers, lists, speech cards, news releases, and president-elect remarks. They are all related to the White House Workshop on Choice in Education which was held in Washington, DC. A large segment of this FOIA is held in Rae Nelson’s and Doreen Torgerson’s Staff and Office files of Bush Presidential Records. Nelson served eight years on the White House Policy Development staff, including the position of Associate Director for Education Policy. Torgerson served as a policy analyst under Nelson. Nelson’s holdings contain primarily government forms, letters, memos, lists, presidential remarks, papers, newsletters, publications, news releases, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and briefing books. The primary focus of Ms. Nelson’s holdings relate to the National Education Goals Panel which was established by President Bush and the nation’s governors in July 1990. Panel members were charged with overseeing the development and implementation of a national education progress reporting system. Torgerson’s holdings largely mirror those of Ms. Nelson and also include a huge volume of handwritten notes – primarily taken at meetings of the National Education Goals Panel.

Significant records in the Quayle Vice Presidential portion of this FOIA include a major speech he delivered at the Richmond, California regional strategy meeting and a list of education reform measures he accomplished while serving in the Senate.

The Federal records documents are mainly related to the Richmond, California regional strategy meeting. Present are pamphlets, schedules, memos, diagrams, a paper, an excerpt from The Federal Register, a draft and final versions of a speech, and some publications for parents and students.

**Related Collections**

Related material may be found in FOIA requests 1998-0002-F entitled “Records on American 2000 Education Initiative” and 2003-0716-F entitled “Keith Geiger and National Educational Association.”

**System of Arrangement**

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in seven collection areas—Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files, Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files, Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Name Files, Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files, Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files, and Federal Records. As policy, WHORM Alphabetical and Subject Files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office Files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area.

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2006-0613-F.

**Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Alphabetical Files**

**Name**

Davison, Jenny M.
Jensen, Jerry
Lewis, Nghana T.
Osburn, Phillip A.

**Bush Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files**

**Category**

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Bush Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Cabinet Affairs
  Doug Adair Files
    Education Goals [OA/ID 06113]

  Daniel Casse Files
    The National Education Goals Report [OA/ID 07123]
    The National Education Goals Report Executive Summary [OA/ID 07123]
    National Education Goals [OA/ID 07134]
    Booklet: DOED: Executive Summary: National Education Goals [OA/ID 07135]

  Justine D'Andrea Files
    Education Initiatives [OA/ID 02309]

  Michael P. Jackson Files—Subject Files
    Education Goals [OA/ID 03563]
    National Education Goals [OA/ID 03564]

  Paul Korfonta Files
    Education Goals [1] [OA/ID 03776]
    Education Goals [2] [OA/ID 03776]
Cliff Alderman Files
   School Choice [OA/ID 05942]

Margaret Jonas Files
   Education [Goals Panel] [OA/ID 07207]

Bobbie Kilberg Files
   GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 07836]
   Mailing – GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 07836]

Media Affairs
   Project Files
      National Education Goals Panel Meeting 6/3/91 [OA/ID 06804]
      School Choice/GI Bill 6/25/92 [OA/ID 06807]

National Service
   J.R. George Files
      National Education Report Goals [OA/ID 08012]

Donald E. Iloff, Jr. Files
   Public Education Fund [OA/ID 01668]

Theresa A. Miller Files
   National Education Goals [Pamphlets] [OA/ID 06621]

Miscellaneous Files
   Independent Education Fund [OA/ID 01785]

Policy Development
   Dave Alexander Files
      PEPAC [President's Education Policy Advisory Committee] Space [Empty] [OA/ID 08871]
      Education Goals Panel [OA/ID 08871]
      Edgoals Bud [Education Goals Budget] [OA/ID 08873]

Randolph Beales Files
   Educational Choice [1] [OA/ID 07959]
   Educational Choice [2] [OA/ID 07959]
   GI Bill for Children and Parental Choice of Schools [1] [OA/ID 07959]
   GI Bill for Children and Parental Choice of Schools [2] [OA/ID 07959]
   1992 National Education Goals Report [OA/ID 07960]
   National Education Goals Panel Meetings & Materials [1] [OA/ID 07960]
   National Education Goals Panel Meetings & Materials [2] [OA/ID 07960]

Ed Goldstein Files
   National Education Goals [OA/ID 06777]

Charles E.M. Kolb Files
   PEPAC – President's Education Policy Advisory Commission [1] [OA/ID 06834]
   PEPAC – President's Education Policy Advisory Commission [2] [OA/ID 06834]
   PEPAC – President’s Education Policy Advisory Commission [3] [OA/ID 06834]

Johannes Kuttner Files
   Parental Involvement – PEPAC [President's Education Policy Advisory Committee [1]
Parental Involvement – PEPAC [President's Education Policy Advisory Committee [2] [OA/ID 06977]

National Education Goals [OA/ID 08189]

Education Goals – Goal 1 – Kuttner Critique of Staff Assessment Proposal [OA/ID 08371]

Education Goals – Goal 1 – Head Start / Chapter 1 Coordination [OA/ID 08371]

Education Goals – Goal 1 [1] [OA/ID 08371]

Education Goals – Goal 1 [2] [OA/ID 08371]

Education Goals – Goal 1 – Studies and Reports [OA/ID 08371]

Rae Nelson Files

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: June 3, 1991 [Binder] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: September 4, 1991 [Binder] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: March 27, 1992 [Binder] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: June 15, 1992 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: June 15, 1992 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: July 31, 1992 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 07278]

National Education Goals Panel Meeting Briefing Book: July 31, 1992 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 07278]

National Council on Education Standards and Testing Meeting Book: July 18, 1991 [Binder] [OA/ID 07278]


State By State Education Summary [OA/ID 07279]

A World of Differences [Binder] [OA/ID 07279]

Briefing Papers on Education Goals [Binder] [OA/ID 07279]

National Education Goals Materials [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 07279]

National Education Goals Materials [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 07279]

Binder – National Education Goals Materials [3] [OA/ID 07279]

National Education Goals Panel Briefing Book: January 24, 1992 [Binder] [OA/ID 07279]

National Education Goals Material [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 07280]

National Education Goals Material [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 07280]

National Assessment Governing Board Meeting August 1-3, 1991 [Binder] [1] [OA/ID 07280]

National Assessment Governing Board Meeting August 1-3, 1991 [Binder] [2] [OA/ID 07280]

Binder – Education Budget – Policy Notebooks [1] [OA/ID 07281]

Binder – Education Budget – Policy Notebooks [2] [OA/ID 07281]

Binder – Education Budget – Policy Notebooks [3] [OA/ID 07281]

Binder – Education Budget – Policy Notebooks [4] [OA/ID 07281]

Educational Initiatives – Alaska – see note [OA/ID 07282]

Educational Initiatives – Arizona [OA/ID 07282]

Educational Initiatives – Arkansas [OA/ID 07282]

Educational Initiatives – California [1] [OA/ID 07282]

Educational Initiatives – California [2] [OA/ID 07282]

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Educational Initiatives – Massachusetts [1] [OA/ID 07283]
Educational Initiatives – Massachusetts [2] [OA/ID 07283]
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Educational Initiatives – Utah [OA/ID 07283]
Educational Initiatives – Vermont [OA/ID 07283]
Educational Initiatives – Virginia [OA/ID 07283]
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Educational Initiatives – West Virginia [OA/ID 07283]
Educational Initiatives – Wisconsin [OA/ID 07283]
Educational Initiatives – Wyoming [OA/ID 07283]
A GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 07285]
[Publications]: Education Goals Reports, 1991 [OA/ID 07292]
Draft Report to the Governors on the National Education Goals [1] [OA/ID 07979]
Draft Report to the Governors on the National Education Goals [2] [OA/ID 07979]
Final Report to the Governors on the National Education Goals [OA/ID 07979]
Mathematics and Science Education (Goal 4) [OA/ID 07981]
Mathematics and Science Education – FCCSET (Goal 4) [OA/ID 07981]
Flexibility / Accountability Initiative and Legislation (Also Education Summit Follow-Up)
[1] [OA/ID 07981]
Flexibility / Accountability Initiative and Legislation (Also Education Summit Follow-Up)
[2] [OA/ID 07981]
Bush Education Initiatives, etc. [OA/ID 07981]
National Education Goals Reports: July 29, 1990 [OA/ID 07982]
National Education Goals Reports: February 4, 1991 [OA/ID 07982]
Cabinet Report on National Education Goals [1] [OA/ID 07982]
Cabinet Report on National Education Goals [2] [OA/ID 07982]
Cabinet Report on National Education Goals [3] [OA/ID 07982]
Secretary Dole – Speeches on Education (Goal 5) [OA/ID 07983]
National Education Goals – Search [1] [OA/ID 07983]
National Education Goals – Search [2] [OA/ID 07983]
National Education Goals – Measurement Options [1] [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals – Measurement Options [2] [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals Panel – Miscellaneous [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals Panel – General [1] [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals Panel – General [2] [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals Panel – General [3] [OA/ID 07984]
National Education Goals – Measurement Options [OA/ID 07985]
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National Education Goals Panel – Meetings, Agendas, and Related Documents
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National Education Goals – Development [1] [OA/ID 08232]
National Education Goals – Development [2] [OA/ID 08232]
National Education Goals – Recommendations [1] [OA/ID 08232]
National Education Goals – Recommendations [2] [OA/ID 08232]
Choice / GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 08233]
GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 08233]
National Education Goals Panel Briefing Book 6/15/92 [1] [OA/ID 08233]
National Education Goals Panel Briefing Book 6/15/92 [2] [OA/ID 08233]
Choice / GI Bill for Children [Empty] [OA/ID 08235]
Education Summit Follow-Up: Governors, Goals, etc. (see other “Follow-Up” files)
[OA/ID 08235]
[Binder]: President’s Education Advisory Committee (PEPAC) – Recommendations for
Membership [1] [OA/ID 08568]
[Binder]: President’s Education Advisory Committee (PEPAC) – Recommendations for
Membership [2] [OA/ID 08568]
Second National Education Goals Report [OA/ID 08781]
Education Strategies, Initiatives, Assessments [OA/ID 08781]
Education Summit and National Education Goals – Miscellaneous [OA/ID 08781]

Jennifer Noyes Files
GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 07972]

James Pinkerton Files
White House Workshop on Choice in Education – Thursday 1/10/89 – WDC
[OA/ID 04951]

Roger Porter Files
Gina Willis Files

School Choice [OA/ID 08180]
School Choice [OA/ID 08180]
GI Bills For Children [Empty] [OA/ID 08180]
Charters / Executive Orders [OA/ID 08301]
FACA [Federal Advisory Committee Act] – Committee Management [OA/ID 08301]
FACA [Federal Advisory Committee Act] – PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] [OA/ID 08301]
H. Dean Evans [OA/ID 08301]
FACA [Federal Advisory Committee Act] [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Federal Register [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Biographical Info [1] [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Biographical Info [2] [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Recommendation Letters [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Recommendations [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Bios/Resumes [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Scheduling Proposals [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Talking Points [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Goals [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Background [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Minutes – 1st PEPAC [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Minutes/Agenda [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Correspondence [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Press Release [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Members – Ann Lynch [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Members – Joe Nathan [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Members – Mitch Maidique [OA/ID 08301]
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PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Members – Checker Finn [OA/ID 08301]
PEPAC [President’s Education Policy Advisory Committee] – Members – David Kearns [OA/ID 08301]
Leigh Ann Metzger Files
   GI Bill for Children-Binder [OA/ID 07167]
   Education Choice [OA/ID 07170]

Molly Osborne Files
   GI Bills for Children - Fact Sheet [empty] [OA/ID 08148]

Jeff Vogt Files
   GI Bill for Children [OA/ID 07140]

Social Office
   Cathy Fenton Files
      4/18/91 Luncheon for Education Initiative / and National Address (Governors, CEOs) [OA/ID 07110]
      6/25/92 Rose Garden, Education Initiative Bill (GI Bill for Children) [OA/ID 07114]

Laurie Firestone Files
   4/18/91 Education Initiative Address [OA/ID 04420]
   4/18/91 12:15 PM Education Leaders Initiative Luncheon [OA/ID 08476]
   6/25/92 10:15 AM GI Bill for Children Legislation Announcement Ceremony (Education Scholarships) (Rose Garden) [OA/ID 08480]

Judith Spangler Files
   4/18/91 Luncheon – Education Initiatives [OA/ID 08425]
   Reception (New American Schools) – Thursday, June 25, 1992 [OA/ID 08579]

Bush Vice Presidential Records: WHORM Name Files

Name
Skelton, V. Lamar

Bush Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Chief of Staff
   David Q. Bates, Jr. Files – Event Files
      White House Workshop On Choice in Education 1/10/89 [OA/ID 14321]

Mrs. Bush’s Office
   Barbara Bush Files – Subject File
      ED 10-6-37 [Education: Reading and Literacy Projects: Other Local and National
Programs: Parents’ Choice (Waban, MA) [OA/ID 28706]

Operations, Administration, and Staff Secretary
  Thomas J. Collamore Files - Schedule Files
    VP Remarks 1/20/89 - White House Workshop on Choice in Education - Washington, D.C. [OA/ID 14408]

Quayle Vice Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files

Deputy Chief of Staff
  Richard W. Porter Files – Subject Files
    Education Choice [OA/ID 21807]

Domestic Policy Office and the Council on Competitiveness
  James Gattuso Files – General Files
    Education Choice [OA/ID 22277]

Dave Juday Files
  [Book]: The National Education Goals: A Second Report to the Nation’s Governors
    [OA/ID 22381]

Federal Records: Staff and Office Files

Consumer Affairs Collection
  Bonnie Guiton Files – Events and Meetings File
    November 28-29, 1989 - Richmond, CA Department of Education Regional “Choice in Education” Meeting [OA/ID 12514]

  Bonnie Guiton Files – Speeches/Testimony File

  Ann Windham Wallace Files – Subject File
    Choices in Education [OA/ID 12436]

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