Finding Aid to Luther Burbank Middle School Records

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Title: Luther Burbank Middle School Records
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Collection Identifier: SFH 20
Creator: Luther Burbank Middle School (San Francisco, Calif.).
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Abstract: This collection contains library training materials, a few student publications, a school History Book (scrapbook), PTA History Books, and photographs.
Physical Location: This collection is housed in remote storage and requires a minimum of 2 working days' advance notice for use.
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.
Access
The collection is open for research and stored offsite. A minimum of two working days' notice is required for use. Photographs are available for research during the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection hours. Please call the San Francisco History Center for hours and information at 415-557-4567.
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Provenance
The Luther Burbank Middle School Records were transferred to the San Francisco Public Library from Luther Burbank Middle School in 2007.
Related Materials
Researchers are encouraged to see also the San Francisco History Center's card file on Luther Burbank Middle School, the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection, and the San Francisco Unified School District Records (SFH 3). Please also check the catalog holdings of the San Francisco Public Library for further related materials.
Materials Transferred
Yearbooks have been transferred to the book collection of the San Francisco Public Library. Photographs have been transferred to the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection. Many images are also available online at www.sfpl.org.
Conservation Note
During processing, the entire collection was refoldered and re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Some metal staples remain.
Historical Note
Luther Burbank Junior High School opened in 1955 to serve families residing in the Crocker-Amazon and Visitacion Valley districts of San Francisco. Classes were temporarily held at Samuel Gompers School at 22nd and Bartlett Streets while a new building was under construction. The new structure, designed to serve 1,500 students and called "The City's Most Beautiful School," opened in the fall of 1957 and was dedicated on April 30, 1959. Named in honor of the renowned botanist and naturalist, the school was located in a corner of John McLaren Park. After ten years, the school was serving 1,800 students. Burbank became a middle school in 1978. By 1989, the enrollment was at 900 students. Declining enrollment prompted the school district to close the school in the spring of 2006. The La Grande Avenue property currently houses the June Jordan School for Equity, a charter high school, and Excelsior Middle School.
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Arrangement
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Luther Burbank Junior High School (San Francisco, Calif.) . -- Archives
Luther Burbank Middle School (San Francisco, Calif.). -- Archives
San Francisco Unified School District. -- Archives
Schools--California--San Francisco

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Study Skills Curriculum Guide, [19--]
Student Handbooks, [?]--2002
Student Publications, 1994-2000
PTA History Book, 1971-1973
Library Curricula, 1965
Box 2
Reading Comprehension Materials, 1979-1980
Map Reading Materials, 1970
PTA History Book, 1955-1965
Box 3
Students of the Week Binder, [19--]
Box 4
History Book, 1959-1960
Box 5
Loose Photographs, 1959-1988
Photo Albums, [19--]