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Biographical Note

Norman Drachler was a teacher, educational integration advocate, superintendent for the Detroit school system, and the founder of an urban educational institution.

Born May 20, 1912 in Kaminitz-Podolsk, in what is now Ukraine, Drachler and his family immigrated to Detroit in 1929. He received a bachelor's degree (1937) and master's degree (1939) in education from Wayne State University, and he eventually went on to receive a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan (1951).

Drachler began his teaching career in the Detroit school system in 1937 and became superintendent in 1966. During his tenure as superintendent, Drachler worked on integrating both the administration and student body. He increased the percentage of African-American teachers by 40% and advocated to prohibit schools from purchasing textbooks that published negative images of minorities.

After resigning from the Detroit school system in 1971, Drachler founded the Institute for Educational Leadership, first at George Washington University and then in Palo Alto. The foundation provided a unique training program for administration and staff working in urban school districts. Drachler retired in Arizona and passed away in Phoenix in May 2000.

Scope and Content of Collection

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