Extent

18 folders, approximately 1,418 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the presence of police officers in American schools through various anti-drug and school safety programs. This collection contains correspondence and invitations from police officers assigned to schools, scheduling materials, anti-drug program information, and remarks by the President related to police presence in public schools.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2019-1030-F (seg 2) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. The placement of police officers in U.S. schools was not always a common occurrence. While in 1975, only 1% of schools reported that police were stationed in their school, by 1997, principals in 22% of all U.S. schools reported having a police officer stationed at the school at least one hour per week or available as needed. By the 2003-2004 school year, principals in 36% of schools reported police stationed in the schools, and by 2007-2008, the percentage had risen to 40%. The causes of this increase in police presence are generally attributed to concerns about the rising rate of juvenile crime, especially of high-profile school shooting events, and increased federal funding for community and youth-centered law enforcement purposes. In the 1994 State of the Union Address, President Clinton pledged funding for an additional 100,000 community police officers to help deter crime, reduce drug use, and prevent youth and gang violence. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was established within the Department of Justice following the passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. Between 1994 and 2001, the COPS Office provided more than $7.6 billion in grants to state and local communities to hire and train police

officers to promote community policing as a multifaceted strategy to reduce rates of youth and gang violence, reduce drug rates, and deter crime. Likewise in 1994, President Clinton expanded the Drug-Free Schools Act into the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act, making violence prevention a key part of this program. The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program provided support to 97% of the nation's school districts, developing school violence and drug prevention programs, "safe zones of passage" for students between home and school, and providing professional training for school personnel, parents, law enforcement and community members. In 1999, the U.S. Department of Justice began specifically making grants to increase the number of school resource officers in schools through the COPS in Schools program, resulting by some estimates more than $700 million being granted to districts to hire SROs between 1999 and 2005. This collection contains correspondence and invitations from police officers assigned to schools, scheduling materials, anti-drug program information, and remarks by the President related to police presence in public schools.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Alpha Project, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM Subject Files, Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM (OP), Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices

and document all levels of administration activity. 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. FOIA 2019-1030-F includes WHORM records from these subject codes: FG001-07 Appointments Granted, Presidential IV096 Invitations, 1996 ME001 Messages (sent to INDIVIDUALS) (Includes Birth Date Baby) ME002-02 Birthday Greetings.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 22, as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton’s presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

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Staff Archivist, 2023. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2019-1030-F (seg 2):
Box 1
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Alpha Project
Case Number/Name/Folder Title
149927 [Drug Abuse Resistance Education]
161138 [Drug Abuse Resistance Education]
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: Subject File
Category Case Number
FG001-07 425511
FG001-07 425524
IV096 161493
IV096 171602
ME001 141575
ME002-02 111247
Clinton Presidential Records: WHORM: (OP)
160684 [March 27, 1996, Folder #3]
196852 [1]
196852 [2]
Box 2
Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files
Cabinet Affairs
Jennings, Jon
School Based Partnership [OA/ID 13614]
Wilson, Sarah
Fisher-Cases: School Safety Anti-Terr Ctr Law Enf. Related Talks [OA/ID 14710]
Scheduling Office

General Files
215014 [OA/ID 8626]
217951 [OA/ID 8634]
248835 [July 16, 1996, Folder #1] [OA/ID 10849]
262167 [OA/ID 10905]
297074 [OA/ID 12915]