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Content Note

This series includes various records of the State Board of Education relative to the implementation of the "Family Life Education" (a.k.a. "sex education") program in New Jersey's public schools. The program was mandated in 1980 amidst considerable public controversy. Included are copies of State Board minutes and public hearing transcripts relative to the mandate, as well as hearing transcripts, statements and letters (mostly in protest) relative to reconsideration of the program in 1985.

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1. Minutes of the State Board, 6 February 1980 [includes proposal of Family Life Education program and public testimony; certified original].
2. Transcript of public hearing on the adoption of a rule for Family Life Education programs, 8 April 1980 [Volume I missing]:
 - a. Volume II [2 certified originals].
 - b. Volume III [certified original].
 - c. Volume IV [2 certified originals].
3. Minutes of the State Board, 11 June 1980 [includes motion to advertise the rule in the *New Jersey Register* and public testimony; certified original].
4. Minutes of the State Board, 6 August 1980 [includes discussion of changes to administrative rule and public testimony]:
 - a. Volume I [certified original].
 - b. Volumes II & III [certified originals].
5. Transcripts of public hearings on Family Life Education, 20 February 1985:

- a. Session A - Testimony before State Board Member Marik and Hearing Officer Dean, Department of Education Building [certified original and 2 photocopies]
 - b. Session B - Testimony before State Board Members Wolfenbarger and Schaenen, Department of Education Building [2 certified originals and 1 photocopy].
 - c. Session [C?] - Testimony before Hearing Officer Dahme and others, State Board Conference Room [certified original and 2 photocopies].
 - d. Sessions D & E - Testimony before Hearing Officer Dillman and Assistant Commissioner Calabrese, State Library [certified original and 2 photocopies].
6. Statements and letters to the State Board, 15-20 February 1985 [20 items, some numbered; includes some originals].
 7. Comments on Family Life Education (letters from the public) circulated to State Board members, 1 March 1985 [3 photocopies].
 8. Miscellaneous materials from the Millville Public Schools Family Life Committee, 1982-1983 [photocopies].

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