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## COALITION FOR EDUCATION REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### An Inventory of Its Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Coalition For Education Reform and Accountability.  
**Series Title:** Records,  
**Dates:** 1993-1995.  
**Quantity:** 0.6 cu. ft. (17 folders in 1 partial box).  
**Location:** 118.H.9.8F

#### HISTORY OF THE COALITION FOR EDUCATION REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Coalition for Educational Reform and Accountability [CERA] was created by the 1993 Legislature [Laws 1993 c224 art1 sec35 subd4-5] as an ongoing advisory committee to make long term recommendations for systematic reform in public education, including education finance. Its ongoing purpose was to promote public understanding and support for policies and practices that would help Minnesota students attain world-class education outcomes and succeed in the twenty-first century. CERA was composed of twenty-six volunteers from all parts of the state who represented all facets of public and private social service agencies, teachers, school boards, business, parents, the state Legislature, and the state Education Department. Kathleen Heyman served as its Executive Director. CERA lost its state funding on June 30, 1995, but continued as a non-funded private organization.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The records contain correspondence, meeting agendas and notes, and reports and recommendations, covering all aspects of the coalition's study and review of the education system. Included are a report on education finance and several draft versions and summaries of the 1995 *Making the Case for Change: Initial Report of CERA*.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Educational accountability--Minnesota.  
 Educational change--Minnesota.  
 Education--Minnesota--Finance.  
 Public schools--Minnesota.

### Persons:

Heyman, Kathleen.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

### Location

118.H.9.8F                      Correspondence, 1993-1995. 2 folders.  
    Education Finance: A Report of the Education Finance Subcommittee,  
    July 1993.  
    Executive Summary and Recommendations from the "Initial Report" of  
    CERA, January 1995.  
    Meeting agendas, notes and reports, August-September 1994, January  
    1995. 7 folders.  
    Report: *Making the Case for Change: Initial Report of CERA, 1994-1995.* 6  
    folders.  
    Drafts, October-December 1994, January 1995. 4 folders.  
    Final Substantive Review Draft, December 9, 1994.  
    Member responses, 1994.