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Domestic Policy Council

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Abstract: Office files created and maintained by Jessica Bennett during her work for the Domestic Policy Council. The series contains some scheduling files, but most of the records are background and printed materials relating to education.

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Biographical History: Jessica Bennett earned a B.A. in French from Washington and Lee University in 2004. She worked in the White House Domestic Policy Council as a staff assistant from July 2004 until February 2005. Following that, she served as an executive assistant in the Chief of Staff's office until July 2005. After her White House tenure, she attended the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, receiving a J.D. in 2009. Since her graduation, she has practiced law in New York, New York.

Administrative History: The Domestic Policy Council serves as a center of policy formulation and coordination within the White House. While the crucial tasks of setting administration policy priorities and farming them out to the appropriate executive office or agency fall under the purview of the chief of staff, the DPC still acts in an advisory capacity to the President regarding areas of domestic concern, in addition to disseminating White House policy directives to others within the federal government.

The exact nature of the DPC is to a great extent subject to the desires of the incumbent president. A staff dedicated specifically to domestic policy has been in place at least since the Lyndon Johnson administration, and subsequent chief executives have modified the scope of the office as they have seen necessary. The structure of the DPC under President George W. Bush largely corresponds with that prescribed in Executive Order 12859, signed by President Bill Clinton in August 1993. Examples of policy areas and specific offices assigned to the Bush administration Domestic Policy Council include education, health, labor, federalism, veterans' issues, the USA Freedom Corps, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Scope and Content Note: Records in this collection include published reports, compilations of news articles, talking points, fact sheets, correspondence and information from outside organizations, schedules, calendars, fax cover sheets, routing memos, and other administrative documents. The majority of these records relate to education. Reports include the Washington, DC public schools facility master plan, a published report from the Department of Justice, published survey results, and a Rand Education report entitled "Achieving State and National Literacy Goals: A Long Uphill Road." Schedules and calendars are contained in briefing books maintained for Diana Schacht and David Dunn. Also included is a side-by-side comparison of the House and Senate versions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and a compilation of talking points and fact sheets about No Child Left Behind (NCLB) from the Department of Education.

System of Arrangement: Material is arranged into one series, Subject Files, and there-under by alphabetical order.

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- 6 [Alternate Standards and Title I]

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- 9 [Briefing Book for David Dunn - August 2004] [1]
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- 13 [California Public Schools]
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- 1 Correspondence - Laura
- 2 VHS - Coverage of SchoolResults.org
- 3 Binder - David Dunn's Files
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- 5 David Dunn Memos [2]
- 6 David Dunn Memos [3]
- 7 [Department of Education] [1]
- 8 [Department of Education] [2]
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- 12 [District of Columbia Public Schools Facility Master Plan, Final 2001] [Folder 2] [1]
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- 1 Education Director's Review
- 2 [Education Materials from Learning Point Associates]
- 3 [Election Law Correspondence]
- 4 [Events and Scheduling]
- 5 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volume 1]
- 6 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volume 2] [1]
- 7 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volume 2] [2]
- 8 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volume 2] [3]
- 9 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volumes 3 - 4]

- 10 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 -2004 Edition, Volume 5]
- 11 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volumes 6 - 7]
- 12 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Volumes 8 - 9]
- 13 [Federal Student Aid Handbook, 2003 - 2004 Edition, Application and Verification Guide]
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- 5 VHS - "Georgia Youth Challenge Academy"
- 6 [Hart-Teeter ETS Higher Education Faculty Survey, Study #6980C] [1]
- 7 [Hart-Teeter ETS Higher Education Faculty Survey, Study #6980C] [2]
- 8 [Hart-Teeter ETS Higher Education Facility Survey, Study #6980C] [3]
- 9 [Hart-Teeter ETS Public Survey, Study #6980B] [1]
- 10 [Hart-Teeter ETS Public Survey, Study #6980B] [2]
- 11 VHS - How Standardized Tests Help Children Learn
- 12 [Immigration Correspondence]
- 13 [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act] [1]
- 14 [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act] [2]
- 15 [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act] [3]
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- 17 [Invitation and Form]
- 18 [Job-Training Related Programs]

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- 2 [Local Agency Working Group Health Watch Briefing Materials - September 2004]
- 3 [Mail Received]
- 4 [Meadows Foundation 2003 Annual Report]
- 5 [National Federation for the Blind]

- 6 [News Stories on 2004 Annual Yearly Progress Report and Testing Data Releases] [1]
- 7 [News Stories on 2004 Annual Yearly Progress Report and Testing Data Releases] [2]
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- 9 [News Stories on Education] [2]
- 10 [No Child Left Behind - 52 Plans - A Watershed Moment] [1]
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- 2 [Policy Reviews - Fall 2003] [1]
- 3 [Policy Reviews - Fall 2003] [2]
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- 5 [POTUS Memos - Labor]
- 6 VHS - Presentation to ETS Board of Trustees, 10/10/2002
- 7 [Presidential Records Act and Bush Presidential Library]
- 8 [Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative]

- 9 [RAND Corporation and Education] [1]
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- 8 [Temporary Workers] [1]
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- 11 Transportation Contacts
- 12 [Triand Web-Enabled Student Transcript System]