

# Guide to the **IPEI Collection**

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#### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Ithaca Public Education Initiative traces its origins to a \$2,000 gift to Boynton Middle School from a couple who wanted to show their gratitude for the fine quality of their son's education. In 1994 the Ithaca City School District had no policy or procedures for accepting such donations, but the Board of Education referred the issue to its Strategic Planning Committee. A task force was assigned to propose an organization that could accept and assign gifts in support of Ithaca schools, teachers or students, and IPEI's bylaws and nonprofit status became official in 1996. Founded with care, as these documents show, the IPEI has become a productive means of using private gifts to enhance public education in the Ithaca schools.

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