

I. Under Title I, the Boston Public Schools received, for the school year 1965-66, \$3.1 million for program operation. It is anticipated that \$3.6 million will be allocated for this purpose this year. Of this amount, approximately \$2.8 million will be spent on compensatory and enrichment programs operated by the Office of Compensatory Services. The remainder, approximately \$800,000 will be spent on the innovative experimental program operated through the Office of Program Development. Both the compensatory and experimental programs are being operated in disadvantaged areas throughout the city, benefiting approximately 29,170 children.

II. Under Title II of E.S.E.A., the Boston Public Schools received \$172,000 for the purchase of books and audio-visual materials to provide or improve school library facilities. This sum was administered by the Massachusetts Department of Education in conformity with its State Plan.

III. Under Title III of E.S.E.A., the Boston Public Schools submitted a planning proposal to the U.S. Office of Education which was approved and funded for \$207,000. This proposal includes five different planning projects which have now been initiated under the supervision of a Title III Coordinator within the office of Program Development.

IV. Under Title IV, the Boston Public Schools are actively cooperating with The Institute for Educational Innovation which has received a federal grant to plan improvement of urban, suburban, and rural education in the New England area.

The Boston School System, serving the largest and most varied urban population in New England, has every intent of pursuing and expanding its participation in this project.

Other programs administered through U.S. Office of Education

Boston is participating in other programs administered partially or completely by the U.S. Office of Education. These include such programs as:

- A. Operation Head Start.
- B. Neighborhood Youth Corps.
- C. Adult Basic Education.
- D. Educational Enrichment Programs in conjunction with private schools.
- E. National Teacher Corps.

OTHER SOURCES OF FEDERAL FUNDING

Federal legislation under which the Boston Public Schools receive funds for the operation of other programs or the purchase of supplies and equipment includes:

- A. Smith-Hughes Act.
- B. George-Barden Act.
- C. National Defense Education Act.
- D. Manpower Development and Training Act.
- E. Aid to Federally Impacted Areas Act.
- F. Economic Opportunity Act.
- G. School Lunch Program.
- H. School Milk Program.
- I. Vocational Education Act.

EVALUATION OF E.S.E.A. PROGRAMS

It is still a little early thoroughly to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs. However, presently available data substantiate the following findings: Our compensatory programs have brought about improvement in pupil reading achievement, general academic performance, and attitude toward school. There is a strong evidence of decline in pupil absenteeism and truancy.

Our experimental programs have also improved pupil performance in academic subjects. In addition, individual case studies and questionnaires to parents have revealed increased enthusiasm for school activities on the part of the pupil and the parent.

During the latter part of the 1965-1966 school year we assembled an Inter-University Evaluation Committee to react to our evaluation procedures and to suggest possible improvements in our methods of assembling and interpreting