



The METCO Program is a grant program funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is a voluntary program intended to expand educational opportunities, increase diversity, and reduce racial isolation, by permitting students in certain cities to attend public schools in other communities that have agreed to participate.

METCO has been in existence since 1966 and was originally funded through a grant by the Carnegie Foundation and United States Office of Education. In that year the first METCO legislation was filed, METCO Inc. was established, and seven school districts began accepting the first two hundred METCO students. Currently, there are about 3,300 students participating in 38 school districts in metropolitan Boston and at four school districts outside Springfield.

## **FWMI MISSION**

The METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) program offers minority students from Boston a high quality, suburban education and Wellesley students a much more diverse learning environment.

FWMI is a charitable, all volunteer organization comprised of parents, WPS educators and Wellesley community members who are committed to helping Wellesley's METCO students make the most of the educational opportunities provided by the program.

More broadly, we seek to promote greater understanding between Boston and Wellesley families and the communities in which we live.

## **FUNDING INITIATIVES**

We support a broad range of educational support programs and enriching experiences, including:

- After-school tutoring programs
- Before-school breakfast for elementary students
- Summer academic enrichment
- Financial assistance for school-sponsored trips over April break
- Late transportation, enabling students to participate in performing arts & sports
- Academic achievement awards
- College awareness trips
- Grants to graduating seniors and alumni to help defray the high cost of college

