

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1028 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission	
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886258000	10. U.T.M. zone 118 4181411010 4 acres 4141119131210 use sheet: Philadelphia
12. classification <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object <input type="checkbox"/> building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thematic in N.R. district yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	13. date(s) (how determined) 1922-1924 14. period 1922-1924	15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival	19. original use School 20. present use School
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine	17. contractor or builder Unknown	18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trim	21. condition Very good 22. integrity Very good
23. site plan with north arrow 		BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S) 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact note location of negative in Block 24.	
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1. County Philadelphia

2. municipality Philadelphia

3. street address or specific location 2102 South 24th Street

4. survey code

5. present name Edwina H. Vare Junior High School

6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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National Register Criteria: A and C, Architecture and Education.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property contains the contributing building and all the historically associated land.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886258000.

EVALUATION

This building warrants listing on the National Register for its place in the history of pedagogy and school architecture in Philadelphia

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 School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number

10. U.T.M. zone **18** **48411010**
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11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

usgs sheet: **441913210**
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13. date(s) (how determined)
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15. style, design or folk type
Georgian Revival

19. original use
School

14. period
1921-1940

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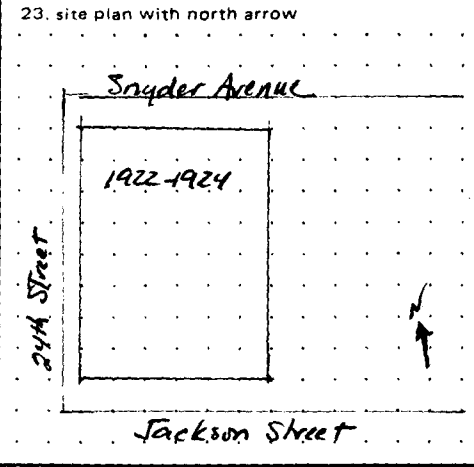
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unknown

18. primary building mat./construction
**Brick with stone
 trimmings**

21. condition
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22. integrity
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1. County **Philadelphia**

2. municipality **Philadelphia**

3. street address or specific location
2100 S. 24th Street (SEC Snyder Avenue & 24th Street)

4. survey code

5. present name
Edwin H. Vare Junior High School

6. other name (historic name if any)
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3. ADDRESS: 24th Street, 2100 S.
5. NAME: Vare, Edwin H., Junior High School
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1922-1924

ADDITIONS: None

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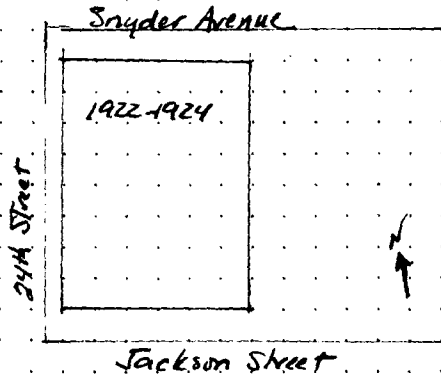
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Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/483050/4420360

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Thematic Nomination
Joseph Catherine School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/479480/4419520

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Charles Audenried School
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