

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
**BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION** Box 1026  
**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 & Winter Streets  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number

886100500

10.

U.T.M. zone **18** easting **786630**  
 less than one acre

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

**4411917910**  
 northing

usgs sheet: Philadelphia

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building ( ) Thematic  
 in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )

13. date(s) (how determined)  
**1925-1926**

15. style, design or folk type

Late Gothic Revival

19. original use  
 School

20. present use  
 School

16. architect or engineer

Irwin T. Catharine

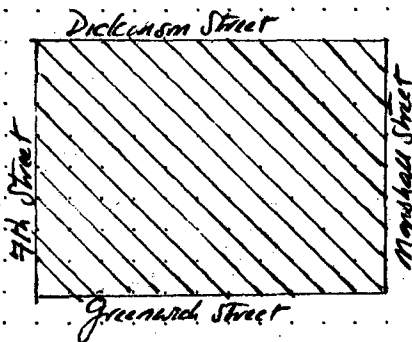
17. contractor or builder  
 McCloskey & Company

18. primary building mat./construction  
 Brick with limestone  
 trimmings

21. condition  
 Good

22. integrity  
 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.

24. photo notation

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)

See reverse side

(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background

See reverse side

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28. sources of information

See reverse side

29. prepared by:  
 Jefferson M. Moak

30. date  
**5-24-87** revision(s)

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1. County  
 Philadelphia  
 5. present name  
 Eliza Butler Kirkbride School

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

3. street address or specific location  
 626 Dickinson Street a.k.a. 1501 S. 7th Street  
 4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Dickinson Street, 626  
5. NAME: Kirkbride, Eliza Butler, School  
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1925-1926

**ADDITIONS:**

**DESCRIPTION:** A 4-story, 5-register, brick-faced concrete building with limestone trim. The projecting center entrance has a Gothic surround featuring floral and heraldic plaques in the spandrel. Each register contains three openings with limestone sills and lintels. A limestone dripcourse appears over the basement openings. A limestone crenellated parapet tops the structure. The projecting end registers feature window bands with ornamental panels between the floors. These panels were a standard feature on some of Catharine's designs and often contained the datestone as one of the decorative panels.

**HISTORY/SIGN.:** This design, School Board Type Number 143, was used for only one other building, the Walter George Smith School, which was entered onto the National Register in 1986 as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic Nomination. With its floral and heraldic plaques, it is a finely ornamented example of Late Gothic Revival style schools designed by Catharine. Catharine adopted this style for many of his designs during the 1920s.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

28. SOURCES: Edmonds, Chronological List of School Buildings.  
School Board, List of Buildings under Contract.  
Building Permit 1925 # 8053

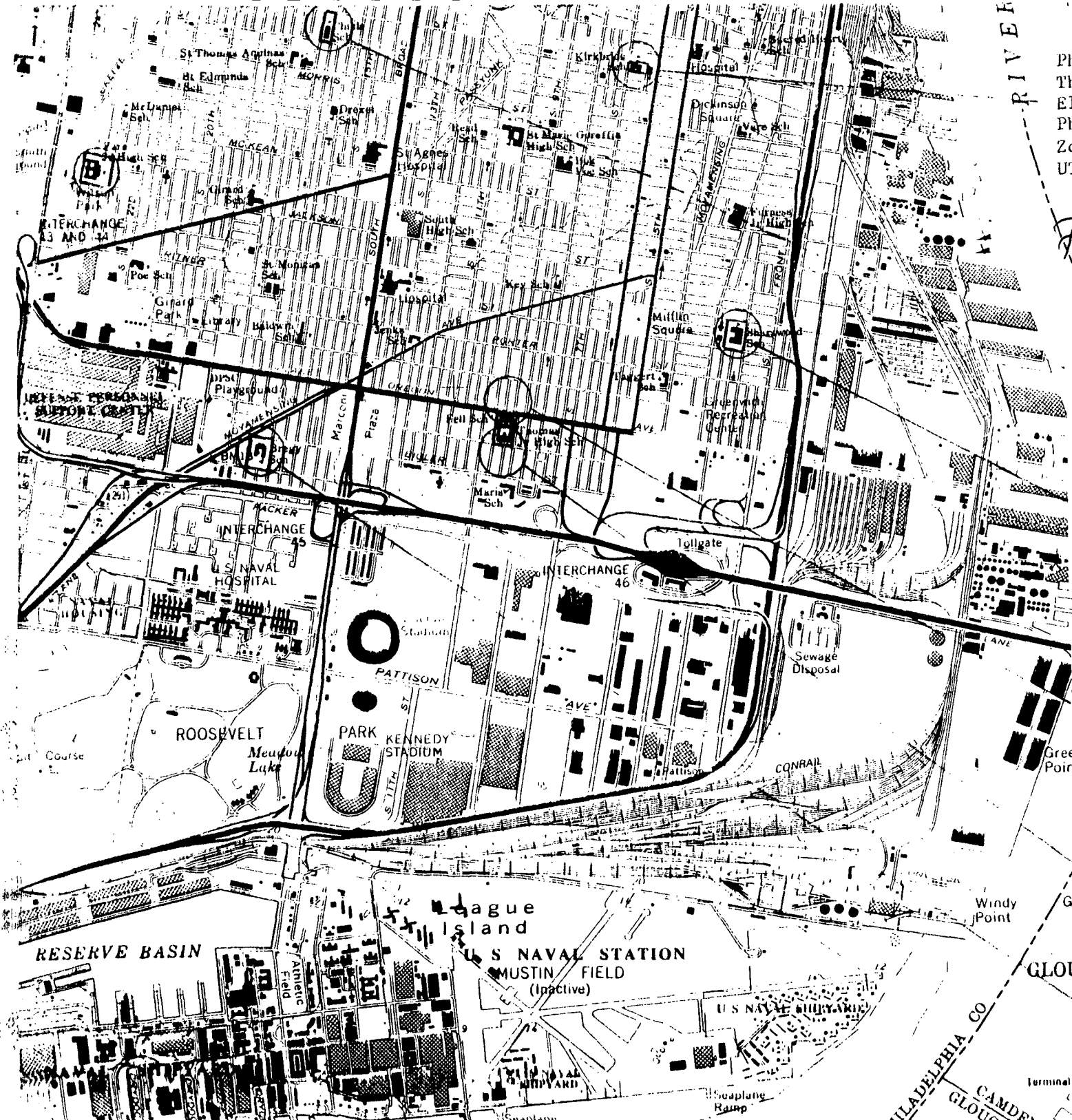
**EVALUATION:** This building should be entered onto the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic Nomination.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886100500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Zone 18  
UTM 18/486000/4420160

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Eliza Butler Kirkbride School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/486630/4419790

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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
George Childs School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/485200/4419940

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
George Sharswood School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/487080/4418530

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
D. Newlin Fell School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/486000/4418160

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
George Thomas School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/486240/4419150

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
F. Amadee Bregy  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
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