

**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  
**886116000**

10. U.T.M. zone **18** easting **481600**  
 3 acres  
 northing **4412415100**

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

usgs sheet: **Philadelphia**

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

13. date(s) (how determined)  
**1923-1925**

14. period  
**1923-1925**

15. style, design or folk type  
**Colonial Revival**

19. original use **school**

20. present use **school**

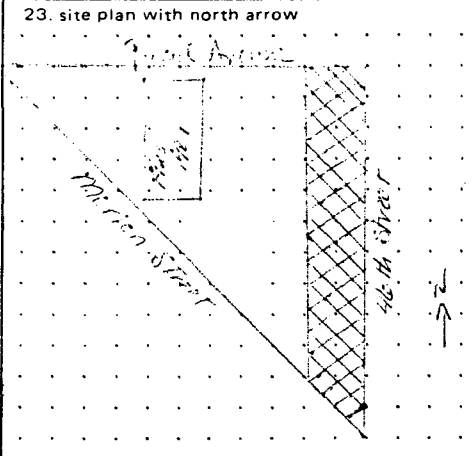
16. architect or engineer  
**Irwin T. Catharine**

17. contractor or builder  
**unknown**

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

21. condition **Good**

22. integrity **Good**



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 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact  
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24. photo notation

25. file/location

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

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(continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background

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28. sources of information

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29. prepared by:  
**Jefferson M. Moak**

30. date **5-28-87** revision(s)

1. County **Philadelphia**

2. municipality **Philadelphia**

3. street address or specific location **4600 Girard Avenue**

4. survey code

5. present name **Reudolph Blankenburg School**

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

3. ADDRESS: Girard Avenue, 4600

5. NAME: Blankenburg, Rudolph, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1923-1925

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 9-register, brick building set upon a raised brick basement. The left and right registers are recessed with narrow horizontal openings on each floor. The interior registers are set within a shallow U in a 1-5-1 pattern. Large stone arched surrounds appear on the first level, which is between floors. A double stone cornice sits above these arches. Square openings pierce the third floor. Another stone cornice appears above the third floor openings. A brick parapet capped by stone coping is above this cornice. The name of the school is carved within this parapet. The side elevations measure five registers with a projecting entrance pavilion in the second register from the front. These entrances are framed with double pilasters and an entablature. A large arched opening appears above this entryway. The remaining registers have bands of double-hung windows in a 1-3-1 pattern. A stone dripcourse appears above the basement; stone cornices above the second and third floors.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The School District of Philadelphia engaged in an ambitious building program in the early 1920s. Eight junior high schools and 13 elementary schools were authorized between September 1921 and December 1923, along with numerous additions to existing schools. Of the 13 elementary schools, eight were constructed from the same set of plans, School Board Type Number 137. The first was the Ferguson School, awarded in September 1921. The second was the Cassidy School, in 1922. The other six, all begun during 1923, are the Edmunds, Hamilton Disston, Logan, Mann, Bregy and Blankenburg Schools, respectively. The design is another which adhered to many of the standards set up by H. deCourcy Richards when he was Chief Designer, similar to that employed for the Patterson, Thomas and Fell Schools in 1920-1922.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings 1818-1934  
School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: This building warrants inclusion to the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886116000.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

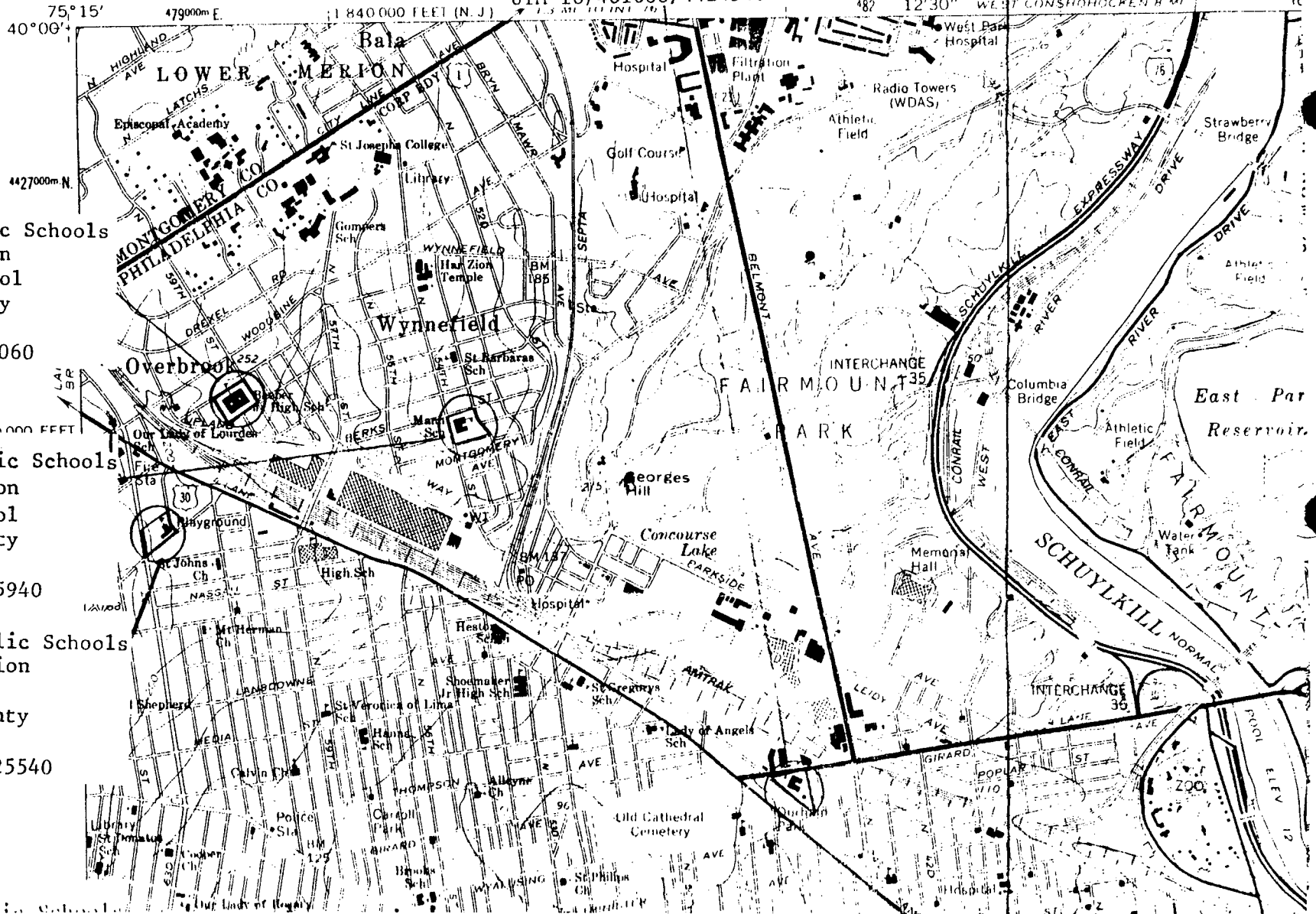
# Philadelphia Quad

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Rudolph Blankenburg School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/481600/4424500

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Belmont School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/482500/4423880

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(NORRISTOWN)



Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Dimmer Beeber School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/479280/4426060

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
William Mann School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/480220/4425940

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Overbrook School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/479000/4425540

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