

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
 BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026  
 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120

7. Local survey organization

8. Property owners name and address  
 School District of Philadelphia  
 21st & Winter Streets  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number  
 886205000

10. U.T.M. zone **18** easting **485040**  
 northing **4426860**

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 PHRS (2-5-85)

usgs sheet: Philadelphia

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

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1926-1927

14. period

15. style, design or folk type

19. original use  
 School

20. present use  
 School

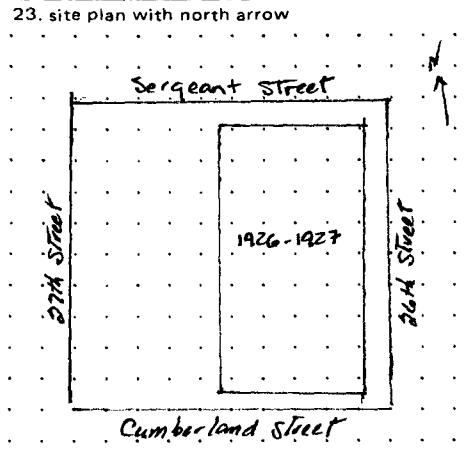
16. architect or engineer  
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or buldler  
 Cramp & Company

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

21. condition  
 Excellent

22. integrity  
 Excellent



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

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28. sources of information

See reverse side

29. prepared by:  
 Jefferson M. Moak

30. date  
 5-29-87

revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County Philadelphia  
 2. municipality Philadelphia  
 3. street address or specific location 2601-2631 W. Cumberland Street  
 4. survey code  
 5. present name Thomas Fitzsimons Jr. High School  
 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

3. ADDRESS: Cumberland Street, 2601 W.  
5. NAME: Fitzsimons, Thomas, Junior High School  
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1926-1927

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 4-story, 17-register, brick building set upon a raised brick basement. A stone dripcourse runs above the basement openings. The end two registers on each side are within a projected pavilion. A single arched opening pierces each register on the ground floor; the upper floors have no openings. Carved limestone decorates the top of each pavilion. The center register contains a single large stone Gothic arched entryway, two sets of openings on the third and fourth levels and three levels of carved tracery within a large battlemented tower. Each of the remaining 12 registers, 6 on either side of the main entrance, contain paired arched openings on the ground floor, triple rectangular openings on the second and third floors and triple sash within a large arched opening on the fourth level. Brick piers separate each register. The side elevations each measure 11 registers: two each on the end pavilions. Projecting 1-story entrances fill the third register from each end.

HISTORY/SIGN.: Between 1925 and 1928, a second generation of junior high schools were constructed throughout the city. The first set, using Type Number JHS-4, included eight structures built between 1922 and 1924. This set, Type Number JHS-6, included five buildings: the William H. Shoemaker School (1925-1927), the Elizabeth Duane Gillespie School (1925-1926), the William T. Tilden School (1926-1927), the Thomas Fitzsimons School (1926-1927) and the Penn Treaty School (1927-1928). The Shoemaker and Tilden Schools were included as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District of 1986. The other three schools are identical and should also be so recognized.

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

EVALUATION: This building should be included as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools  
 Thematic Nomination  
 Central John Reynolds School  
 Philadelphia County  
 Zone 18  
 UTM 18/485080/442560

Philadelphia Public Schools  
 Thematic Nomination  
 Muhlenburg School  
 Philadelphia County  
 Zone 18  
 UTM 18/486030/4424750

Philadelphia Public Schools  
 Thematic Nomination  
 Thomas Fitzsimmons Jr  
 Philadelphia County  
 Zone 18  
 UTM 18/485040/4426860

Philadelphia Public Schools  
 Thematic Nomination  
 H/S Murrell Dobbins School  
 Philadelphia County  
 Zone 18  
 UTM 18/485720/4427040

