

7. Local survey organization  
 Clio Group, Inc.

8. property owners name and address  
 School District of Philadelphia  
 21st & Parkway  
 Philadelphia, PA 19105

9. tax parcel number/other number  
 886204500

10. U.T.M. Zone easting  
 18 484900  
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 4427040  
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia Quad

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building (\*) district ( )

13. date(s) (how determined)  
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 14. period  
 1900-1919

15. style, design or folk type  
 Renaissance Revival

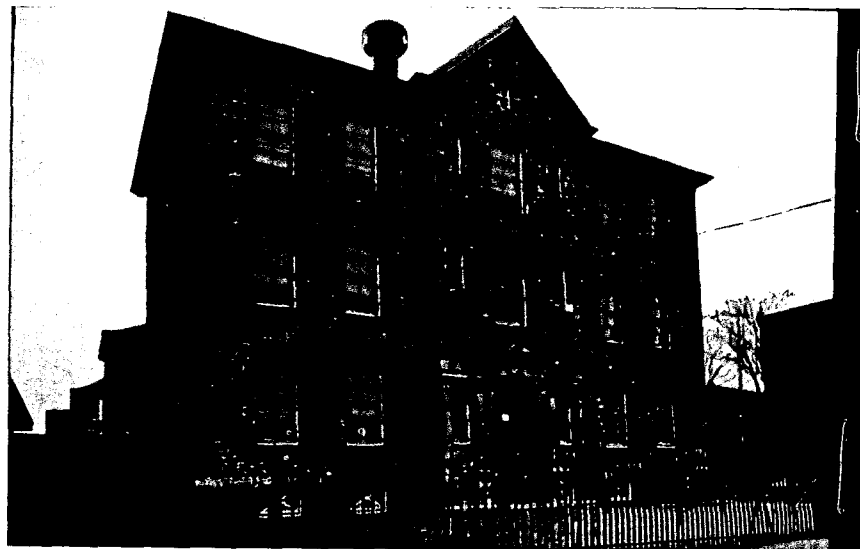
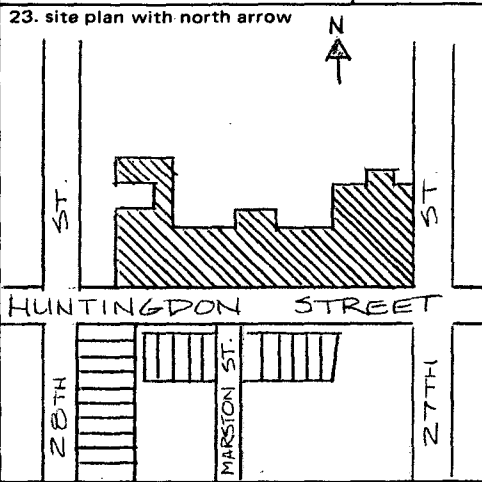
19. original use  
 School  
 20. present use  
 School

16. architect or engineer  
 Cook, J. Horace

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Freestone and brick

21. condition  
 Above Average  
 22. integrity  
 Excellent



24. photo notation  
 GT-NNP-2-24

25. file/location  
 Clio Group, Inc.

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)  
 This typical c.1900 Philadelphia schoolhouse is a symmetrical block, with its entrance housed in a shallowly projecting central pavilion headed by a gable. The building is constructed of coursed, freestone ashlar rising 3½ (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background  
 J. Horace Cook was the chief architect of the Philadelphia School Board at the turn of the century and this school is among the many gradually vanishing examples of his work. These schools, with their generous playgrounds, often provide the only open space for children to play on in the densely built up neighborhoods of North Philadelphia. Cook's schools, though they use the up-to-date Classical Revival style, essentially follow the planning and composition of Philadelphia (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information  
 Edmunds, Schools of Philadelphia (1900-1907)  
 Clix 0010919,0030136,0026916  
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:  
 M. Lewis

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date  
 2/6/85  
 revision(s)

31. county 101 32. style 09  
 33. construction material 02 34. roof  
 35. design type  
 36. historic function 080301P  
 37. construction feature 38. ext. walls 02, 03 39. plan  
 40. facade width 41. roof material 42. stories F 43. depth  
 44. ext. design  
 45. int. design

1. County Philadelphia  
 5. present name Rudolf S. Walton School

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

3. street address or specific location  
 2601-31 N. 28th Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19121

4. survey code  
 043-88340-02601

26. stories above a basement to a low hipped roof. Large double hung windows headed by round arches on the second story and jack arches on the other stories light the classrooms on either end of the building. The hall and stairwell are contained in the central pavillion. The exterior is virtually unornamented except for the pedimented Renaissance portico over the entrance which is detailed with applied pilasters. The series of additions to the rear are treated more simply and shift to brick construction.

27. schools built a half-century earlier by Samuel Sloan. This school was altered in 1915 and added to in 1924. It is a valuable surviving record of an important turn of the century institution in neighborhood-oriented and organized North Philadelphia.

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EVALUATION

Would contribute to a district.

EVALUATOR(S)

M. Lewis

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address  
 School District of Philadelphia  
 21st St. & the Parkway  
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

9. tax parcel number/other number  
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

10. U.T.M. Zone Easting Northing  
 one acre  
 4427020  
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building ( ) district ( )  
 Thematic

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1900-1901  
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type  
 Victorian

19. original use School  
 20. present use Vacant

16. architect or engineer  
 Unknown

17. contractor or builder  
 T.C. Tafford

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Wood/ Granite  
 granite trim

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)  
 NPS counting purposes: one contributing building  
 (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background  
 (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information  
 see bibliography for nomination  
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:  
 B. Mintz

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 7/1986  
 revision(s)

31. county \_\_\_\_\_ 32. style \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 32. construction material \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ 34. roof \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 35. design type \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. historic function \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 37. construction feature \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ 38. ext. walls \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ 39. plan \_\_\_\_\_  
 40. facade width \_\_\_\_\_ 41. roof material \_\_\_\_\_ 42. stories \_\_\_\_\_ 43. depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 44. ext. design \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
 45. int. design \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

1. County PHILADELPHIA  
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA  
 3. street address or specific location 2601-2631 N. 28th STREET  
 4. survey code  
 5. present name RUDOLPH WALTON SCHOOL  
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

## Rudolph S. Walton School

### Physical Description

Rising three stories in height, this building is constructed of rough cast stone. Rectangular in plan with projecting pedimented entrance in the central bay. The fenestration features double hung four over four windows; the second floor has round arched and square headed sash. On the Huntington Street elevation the third floor has round arched sash in the gable end. The main entrance surround, executed in granite has a pediment with the building name incised in the entablature. Smooth dressed pilasters support the surround.

### Statement of Significance

Constructed in 1900-1901, the Walton School numbers among the first designed after J. Horace Cook's appointment to the position of Supervising Architect for the School Board. Beginning in the late nineteenth century, the position of Supervising Architect played an important role in school design, each placing the individual mark on schools while maintaining the basic plan and design approved by the Board.

Involved in actual design while working under Supervisor Anshutz, Cook continued in the same design vein during his early supervisory years. Nevertheless, the Walton School, while retaining the recognizable plan and massing of Anshutz era schools, displays a more Classical, refined exterior.

Thus the Walton School is transitional in appearance; it displays the Victorian massing of the later nineteenth century, and refined Classical elements that became popular in Philadelphia public schools in the early twentieth century. In addition, the original floor plan, with its single loaded corridor and flanking stairs, shows the later nineteenth century influence of the single-loaded corridor variation of the Sloan plan.

Thus the Walton School is significant as an example of the transition from later nineteenth century designs in Philadelphia public schools to architectural elements popular in early twentieth century public school designs.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 882604500 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Spring Garden School #2  
12th & Melon St.  
18F886 620N4423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Spring Garden School #1  
12th & Odgen St.  
18F886 660N4424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
W&S Martin Orthopedic Sch.  
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Philadelphia County  
Lydia Darrah School  
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Rudolph Walton School  
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Philadelphia County  
George Meade School  
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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Verbrook High School  
9E481 460N4422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
M. Shoemaker Jr. High  
9E480 480N4424 840

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
William B. Hanna School  
18E479 800N4424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
George L. Brooks School  
9E480 020N4424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Thomas Dunlap  
9E481 040N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Francis Phil. High School  
9E481 460N4422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Lia R. Masterman School  
9E481 820N4423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
David Landreth School  
9E484 480N4420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Weir Mitchell School  
9E480 880N4420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Honv. Wayne School  
9E481 660N4419 960

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