

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
 886223500

10. U.T.M. zone 18 4 19 11 01 60
 2.1 acres
 4 4 3 1 2 16 10
 usgs sheet: Frankford

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

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

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1915-1916

15. style, design or folk type
 Late Gothic Revival
 Other: Utilitarian

19. original use
 School

14. period
 1915-1916

20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer
 H. deCourcy Richards

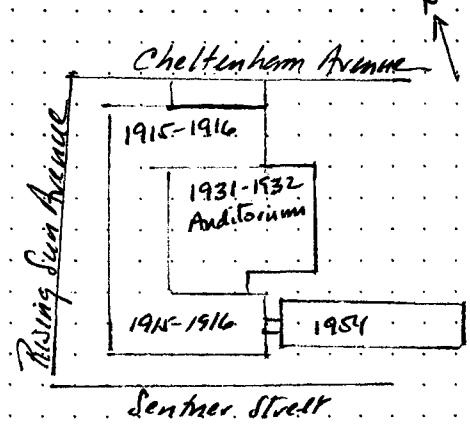
17. contractor or builder
 William R. Dougherty

18. primary building mat./construction
 Brick with terra
 cotta trimmings

21. condition
 Good

22. integrity
 Fair/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

(continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 See reverse side

29. prepared by:
 Jefferson M. Moak

30. date 5-21-87
 revision(s)

(continue on back if necessary)

1. County
 Philadelphia

2. municipality
 Philadelphia

3. street address or specific location
 5737-5741 Rising Sun Avenue

4. survey code

5. present name
 Benjamin Franklin School

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

3. ADDRESS: Rising Sun Avenue, 5737-5741

5. NAME: Franklin, Benjamin, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1915-1916

ADDITIONS: 1931, 1951

DESCRIPTION: A 2-story, 5-register, brick school set upon a raised brick basement. A stone dripcourse runs above the basement openings. The entrances are located in the outside registers with carved stone and terra cotta surrounds on the first floor and a single opening on the second stairway level. A diapered brick panel sits above this latter opening. The middle three registers have four openings on each floor with stone surrounds and carved terra cotta panels sitting between the floors. Brick piers separate the registers. A stone cornice runs above the second floor openings and below the brick parapet. A carved stone panel with the name of the school appears in the center. A brick addition was built onto the eastern side in 1931, designed by Irwin T. Catharine. A long, 1-story, addition was erected in 1954 and is connected to the main building only by a corridor.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Benjamin Franklin School is the only school designed from School Board Type Number 133. The first of the two additions blends into the original Richards design. The second addition does little marring of the original fabric of the building as it is connected only by an extension of the first floor corridor. The original building is a well preserved representative of the Late Gothic Revival and Utilitarian styles adopted by Richards in many of his designs during the 1910s.
National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918
Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934
School District, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: Despite the additions, this building warrants consideration for inclusion to the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing and one noncontributing building on this nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886223500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Thomas Finletter School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/489800/4432400

Frankford Quad

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Benjamin Franklin School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/491060/4432260

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Laura Carnell School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/492780/4431850

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Thomas Creighton School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/491000/4430340

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Feltonville School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/489500/4430280

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Clara Barton School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 489750/4429800

Philadelphia Public Schools
Thematic Nomination
Henry Edmunds School
Philadelphia County

