

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia

9. tax parcel number / other number

10. U.T.M. zone **118** easting **418912100**
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) northing **4412151840**
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12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () Thematic
 in N.R. district yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined) **1916-1917**
 14. period **1901-1920**

15. style, design or folk type
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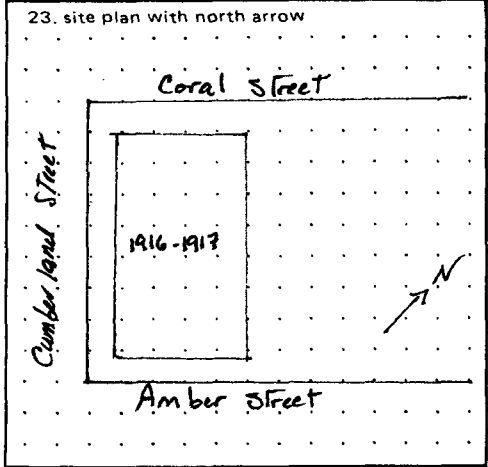
19. original use **School**
 20. present use **School**

16. architect or engineer
 H. deCoursey Richards

17. contractor or builder
 Thomas Reilly

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

21. condition **Good**
 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)

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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 **5-27-87** revision(s)

1. County **Philadelphia**
 2. municipality **Philadelphia**
 3. street address or specific location **2075 E. Cumberland Street**
 4. survey code
 5. present name **Kensington High School for Girls**
 6. other name (historic name if any) **N/A**

3. ADDRESS: Cumberland Street, 2075 E.
5. NAME: Kensington High School for Girls
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1916-1917

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3 1/2-story brick building set upon a raised basement measuring nine registers along its southern elevation and seven registers along its eastern elevation. Limestone sills, lintels and surrounds highlight each of the openings. A double banded limestone dripcourse runs above the basement openings. Other beltcourses are seen below and above the third floor openings. The projecting second and eighth registers on the southern elevation contain the entrances and stairwells. The far right register projects even farther: the auditorium is located within this space. The center opening contains an entrance at the ground level and seven bands of five windows each within a three-story arched surround. The eastern elevation has the far left and right registers projecting with a single opening on each floor. The center openings contain three windows on the first and third floors and a brick panel at the second level. A fiat roof tops the structure behind a brick parapet.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The School District generally custom designed each senior high school, rarely using the same plan for more than one building. The Kensington High School for Girls follows the plan of School Board Type Number SHS-27. This building, the second school designed specifically for girls other than those for Girls' High School, contained 42 classrooms, 4 domestic science rooms, lecture, lunch and faculty rooms, a library, an auditorium and a gymnasium. This building remains virtually intact since its construction with little alterations and no additions.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918
School Board, "School Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: Its unique plan and design deserve inclusion onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

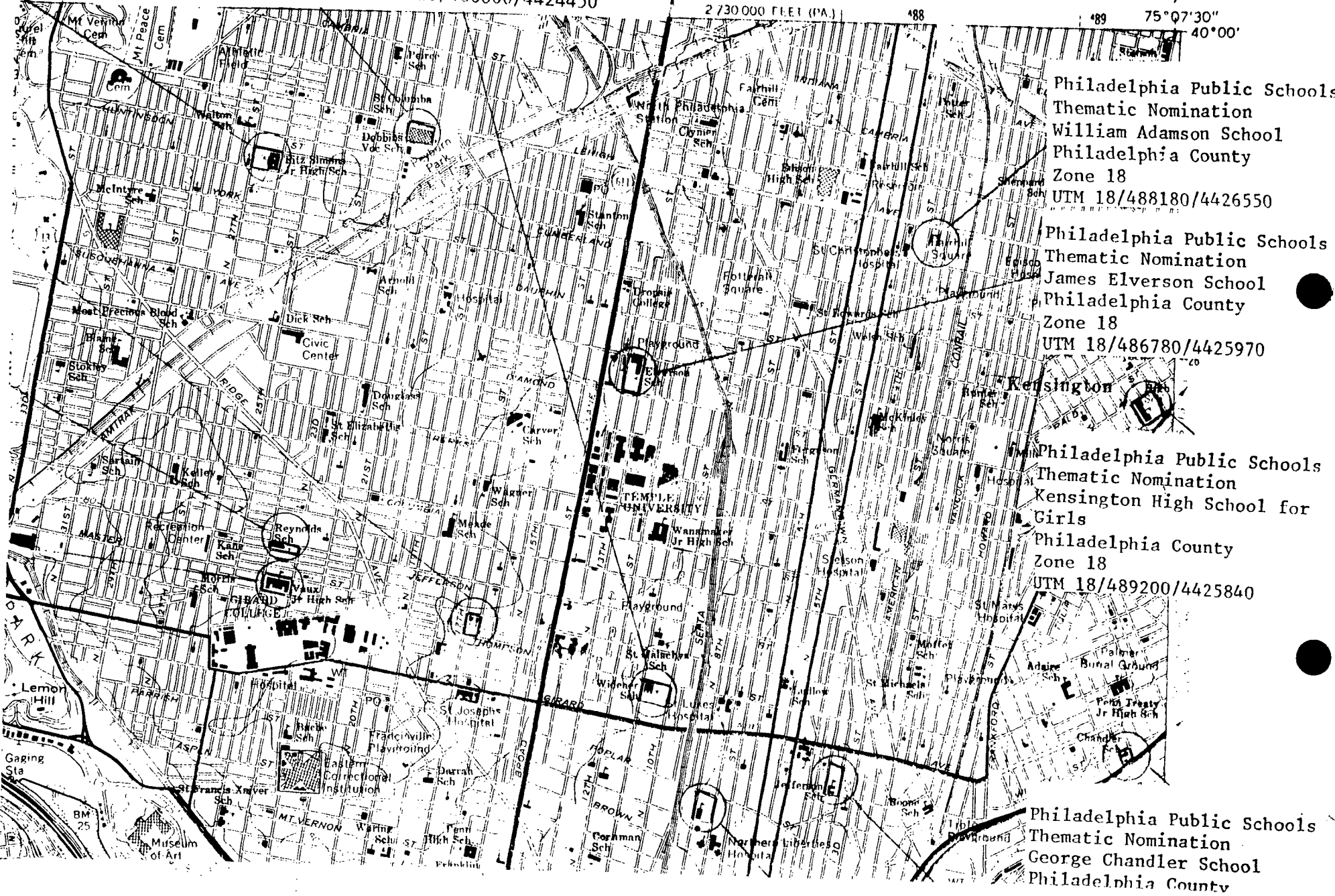
EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/485720/4427040

William Harrison School
Philadelphia County
Zone 18
UTM 18/486860/4424450

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Thematic Nomination
James Elverson School
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Kensington High School for
Girls
Philadelphia County
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Thematic Nomination
George Chandler School
Philadelphia County