

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		5. present name Hamilton Disston School Philadelphia	1. County Philadelphia
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st & Winter Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886273500			
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1923-1924		10. U.T.M. Zone Easting Northing 11 8 4 19 15 9 17 10 2.5 acres 4 4 13 0 68 10	
14. period 1923-1924		15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival		19. original use School	
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine		17. contractor or builder Unknown		20. present use School	
18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trimmings		21. condition Good		22. integrity Good	
23. site plan with north arrow 		BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S) 3 1/4" 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					
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28. sources of information See reverse side				29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak	
				30. date 5-28-87	
				revision(s)	
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				3. street address or specific location 6801 Cottage Street	
				6. other name (historic name if any) N/A	
				2. municipality Philadelphia	
				4. survey code	

3. ADDRESS: Cottage Street, 6801
5. NAME: Disston, Hamilton, School
6. FORMER NAME:
13. DATES: 1923-1924

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 sit 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.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

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.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

Boundary Justification:

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

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886273500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

