

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		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 202296110		
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.H. district yes () no ()		10. U.T.M. zone easting 1 8 4 8 6 7 8 0 2.5 acres 4 4 2 1 5 9 1 7 0 northing usgs sheet: Philadelphia		5. present name AMY 2 & 5
13. date(s) (how determined) 1929-1930		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)		
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine		15. style, design or folk type Late Gothic Revival		2. municipality Philadelphia
17. contractor or builder Unknown		18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trim		
19. original use School		20. present use School		6. other name (historic name if any) James Elverson, Jr., School
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.		3. street address or specific location 1300 Susquehanna Avenue a.k.a. 2100-2160 N. 13th Street
24. photo notation		25. file/location		
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) See reverse side				
27. history, significance and/or background See reverse side				
28. sources of information See reverse side				
29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak				
30. date 5-23-87				
revision(s)				
4. survey code				

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3. ADDRESS: Susquehanna Avenue, 1300

5. NAME: AMY 2 & 5

6. FORMER NAME: Elverson, James, School

13. DATES: 1929-1930

ADDITIONS: 1954

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 11-register, buff-colored brick school building set upon a raised brick basement. A stone dripcourse is set upon the basement. The center seven registers are recessed. Piers stretching the height of the building between the three openings within each register and also between each register accentuate the vertical character of the design. A flat roof fronted by a castellated parapet tops the building. The entrances are located on the ends of this rectangular edifice. Piers similar to the front exist on the ends. No openings pierce these facades except within the central register which has a projecting entrance pavilion with Gothic arches and tracery and stone-framed openings on the second and third levels within a single arch. Terra cotta or stone tracery highlights the cornice level of this particular register.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Elverson School contains many of the same design elements of other Catharine designs. Although of the same design type (# 164) as the William Meredith School at 5th & Fitzwater built in the following year, it contains more space than available within the Meredith School. In spite of this, an addition was constructed in 1954 behind the eastern side of the building, making the present building L-shaped. As a fine example of Catharine's designs, this building warrants listing on the National Register.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #202296110.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Philadelphia School Buildings
Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia
School District, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: Despite the addition, the Elverson School appears to be eligible
as part of the Philadelphia Public School Thematic District.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

schools Philadelphia Public School Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination Thematic Ndmination
 H/S Murrell Dobbins School William Harrison School
 Philadelphia County Philadelphia County
 Zone 18 Zone 18
 UTM 18/485720/4427040 UTM 18/486860/4424450

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