

<b>PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM</b> BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization <b>Philadelphia Historical Commission</b>		1. County <b>Philadelphia</b>	
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st & Winter Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886152500		10. U.T.M. zone easting 18 4857210 2 acres 4427940 northing	
12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building ( ) Thematic in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )		13. date(s) (how determined) 1936-1937		15. style, design or folk type Art Deco/ Moderne	
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine		14. period 1936-1937		19. original use School	
17. contractor or bullder Unknown		18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone and terra-cotta trimmings		20. present use School	
21. condition Excellent		22. integrity Excellent		6. other name (historic name if any) N/A	
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.		2. municipality Philadelphia	
24. photo notation		25. file/location		3. street address or specific location 2100 Lehigh Avenue	
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 5-20-87	
(continue on back if necessary)				revision(s)	
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4. survey code					

3. ADDRESS: Lehigh Avenue, 2100  
5. NAME: Dobbins, Murrell, Vocational School  
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1936-1937

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A six-story, fifteen-register, brick school. The center of the building, measuring seven stories, consists of nine registers. The outside registers each have a single opening on the outside and paired windows within the inside opening. The remaining seven registers each have paired sash within the two openings. The three registers on the outsides of the building each measure six stories high with paired sash within the left and right openings and triple sash within the center opening. Terra cotta trim highlights the top of this building and of the piers which separate the various registers. A large 1-story stone front building measures 13 registers wide. The central five project with carved stone panels over the openings. The next openings to the outside contain the front entrances with the name of the school carved above. The outside three ranks, smaller in height just contain the opening. Large fluted pilasters separate the registers of this front block.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Dobbins Vocational School was erected at the same time as the Edward Bok Vocational School, using many of the same design elements. The actual School Board Type Number, Plan IS-4, was used only once, for the Dobbins School. The building is a landmark within its community and represents a major work of the Art Deco/Art Moderne styles popularized by Catharine during his tenure as School Board Architect.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

28. SOURCES: School Board, "New School Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: This building should be included on the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886152500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

