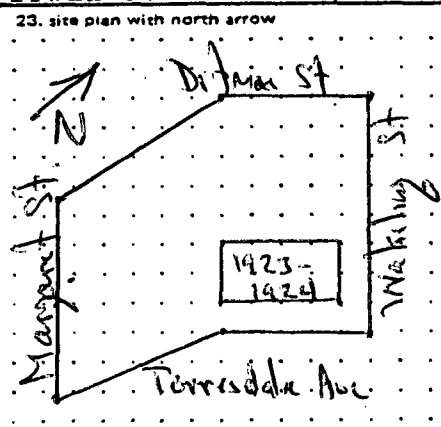


PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission		1 County Philadelphia 5. present name Warren G. Harding Junior High School 2 municipality Philadelphia 3. street address or specific location 2000 Wakeling Street 4. survey code N/A
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886174500		
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1923-1924 14. period 1923-1924		10. U.T.M. zone easting 18 49316310 8.3 acres 44218191410 northing usgs sheet: Frankford
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine		15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival		
17. contractor or builder Unknown		18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trim		19. original use School 20. present use School 21. condition Good 22. integrity Very 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) A 3-story, 17-register, brick building set upon a raised stone base-ment. The front of the building is in the shape of a shallow W. The center three registers form a projected pavilion. This pavilion has a stone first floor with arched entrance openings, stone pilasters between the openings on the upper floors, a stonecourse with the name of the school above the third floor and a balcony on top. The six registers on either side have a brick first floor with triple sash within the openings, stone sills and stone keystone-centered lintels. A stone beltcourse/cornice runs above the first floor. The registers are recessed on the second and third floors and separated by brick pilasters with stone caps. A stone cornice runs beneath the brick parapet. The end registers project with the same sash arrangement as that found on the previously described registers. (continue on back if necessary)
27. history, significance and/or background In response to changes in educational theory and practice, the School District of Philadelphia undertook a program of erecting junior high schools. The first junior high school in the city, Holmes Junior High School, was built as an elementary school and, with the addition of an auditorium and other rooms, converted to a junior high school soon after its completion in 1916-1917. This school appears as a part of (continue on back if necessary)		28. sources of information Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934 School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract" (continue on back if necessary)		
29. prepared by: J. M. Moak		30. date 5-28-87		3. street address or specific location 2000 Wakeling Street
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26. DESCRIPTION (continued)

side elevations stretch 12 registers deep with projecting entrances in the third registers from the end. All openings along the side are at the same level, including those fronting the stairwells. The windows were replaced in 1985-1986.

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

this nomination. During the expansive years following World War I, the School District began to design and erect buildings specifically as junior high schools. The first plans for junior high schools as junior high schools received the type designation JHS-4. This new school was large by the standards of the era and was exceeded in size only by the senior high schools of the second decade of the twentieth century. In the years 1922-1924, the School District had eight identical buildings erected from this model devised by Irwin T. Catharine. The contract for the first of these, the Edwin H. Vare School, was let in March 1922, followed the next month by those for the Edwin H. Vare and Anna H. Shaw Schools. Construction of three others, including the Warren G. Harding Junior High School, began in 1923. The Warren G. Harding School represents this innovation in pedagogy, and in the development and implementation of an architectural response to the new need. Despite the recent window replacement, this school possesses very good integrity.

National Register Criteria: A and C, Architecture and Education.

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

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886174500.

EVALUATION

The building warrants entry on the National Register for its place in the history of education and school architecture in Philadelphia.

EVALUATOR(S)

3. ADDRESS: Wakeling Street, 2000
5. NAME: Harding, Warren G., Junior High School
6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1923-1924

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 17-register, brick building set upon a raised stone basement. The front of the building is in the shape of a shallow W. The center three registers form a projected pavilion. This pavilion has a stone first floor with arched entrance openings, stone pilasters between the openings on the upper floors, a stone course with the name of the school above the third floor and a balcony on top. The six registers on either side have a brick first floor with triple sash within the openings, stone sills and stone keystone-centered lintels. A stone beltcourse/cornice runs above the first floor. The registers are recessed on the second and third floors and separated by brick pilasters with stone caps. A stone cornice runs beneath the brick parapet. The end registers project with the same sash arrangement as that found on the previously described registers. The side elevations stretch 12 registers deep with projecting entrances in the third registers from the end. All openings along the side are at the same level, including those fronting the stairwells. The windows were replaced in 1985-1986.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The concept of junior high schools in Philadelphia was relatively new in 1922. The first was the Holmes Junior High School at 55th and Chestnut Streets, a conversion from an elementary school design. Following its success, the School Board authorized the construction of five junior high schools in 1922 and three in 1923 in locations throughout the city. Each of these eight, designed from School Board Type Number JHS-4, contained 2.46 million cubic feet, a figure exceeded only by the various high schools constructed in the mid-1910s. The first of these buildings was the Edwin H. Vare School, for which the contract was awarded in March 1922. Both of the contracts for the Anna H. Shaw and the Jay Cook Junior High Schools were awarded less than a month later. The 1923 group included the John Paul Jones (contract awarded May 1923), Warren B. Harding (June 1923) and the Mayer Sulzberger (July 1923) Schools.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934
School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: This building warrants inclusion onto the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

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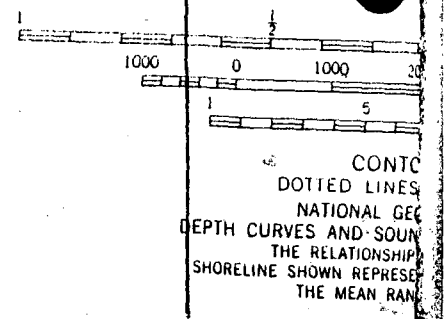
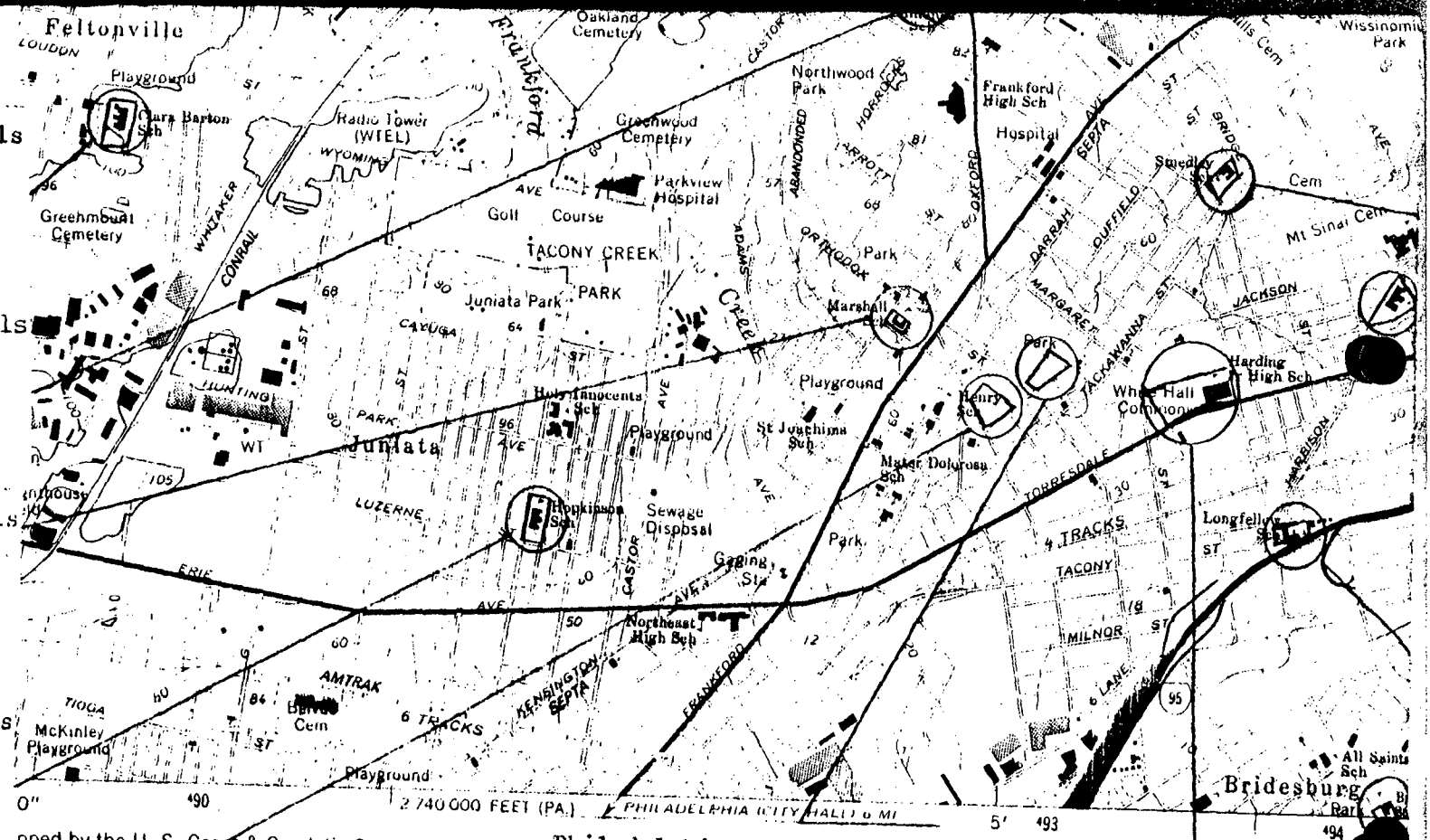
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