

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
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7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address
 School District of Philadelphia
 21st & Winter Streets
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

9. tax parcel number / other number

10. U.T.M. zone 18 easting 488900

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

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12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building () Thematic
 in N.R. district Yes () no ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
1922-1924

14. period 1921-1940

15. style, design or folk type
 Gothic/Jacobethan

19. original use School

20. present use School

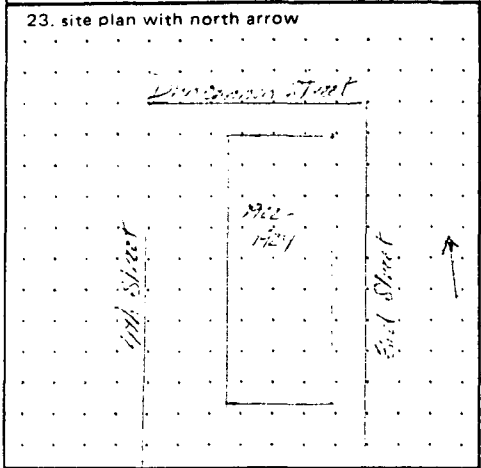
16. architect or engineer
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or builder
unknoeen

18. primary building mat./construction
 Red brick with stone
 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)

See reverse side

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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 5-29-87 revision(s)

1. County
 Philadelphia

5. present name
 Andrew J. Morrison School

2. municipality
 Philadelphia

6. other name (historic name if any)
 NA

3. street address or specific location
 300 Duncannon Street

4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Duncannon Street, 300 W.

5. NAME: Morrison, Andrew J., School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1922-1924

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 9-register, red brick building set upon a raised brick basement. The end registers project with three openings set within stone surrounds with carved decorative panels underneath each opening. The recessed main facade contains two wide registers flanking a single narrow register on either side of main entrance. The wide registers have a window arrangement of 1-3-1. The narrow registers have two single openings with decorative stone panels beneath the windows. The central register contains an arched door opening within a stone surround, a 2-story stone bay fronting the second and third floors with three rectangular openings on the second floor and three arched openings on the third floor, and the name of the school carved above. A stone dripcourse runs above the basement. Short stone cornices appear above the first and third floors. A crenallated parapet tops the building with a stylized Flemish gable above the central register.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The John Story Jenks and the Andrew Morrison Schools, both of whose contracts were awarded on the same day, represent a major shift in design for school buildings. Although six more buildings would be authorized from School Board Type Number 137 in 1923 (see Edmunds School), the Jenks and Morrison Schools used Type Number 139 (Number 138 was used for a rebuilding project), which called for elimination of many of the Colonial Revival and industrial characteristics of the later designs of H. deCoursey Richards. In addition, the Jenks School is among the first, if not the first, to use yellow or buff brick which became a staple in many of the buildings designed by Irwin T. Catharine. The Morrison School uses red brick, which gives one an interesting comparison of the design and color. The use of Gothic and Jacobethan details in the design for the Morrison and Jenks Schools indicates that Catharine intended to make school building more architecturally ornate than previously.

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

EVALUATION: The importance of this design in the evolution of Philadelphia school architecture would appear to make it eligible for inclusion on the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)



Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Eleanor Cope Emlen School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/484780/4433560

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Julia Howe School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/487810/4432120

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 James Russell Lowell School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/488960/4432050

Germantown Quad
 Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Logan School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/487000/4430980

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Andrew Morrison School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/488900/4430820

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 General David Birney School
 Philadelphia County
 Zone 18
 UTM 18/488150/4430800

Philadelphia Public Schools
 Thematic Nomination
 Jay Cooke Jr. High School
 Philadelphia County