

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 John M. Patterson School	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 886241000	10. U.T.M. zone <u>18</u> Easting <u>4171971310</u> 2.5 acres Northing <u>44192610</u> usgs sheet: Philadelphia		
12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building ( ) Thematic in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )	13. date(s) (how determined) 1920-1921	14. period 1920-1921	15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival	19. original use School	2. Municipality Philadelphia
16. architect or engineer John D. Cassell & Irwin T. Catharine	17. contractor or builder Wark Company	18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trimmings	20. present use School	21. condition Excellent	
23. site plan with north arrow  		<h1>USE THIS COPY FOR DUPLICATING</h1> <p>BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)          3 1/4" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact          note location of negative in block 24.</p>			6. other name (historic name if any) William T. Tilden School
24. photo notation	25. file/location		3. street address or specific location 7001 Bust Avenue		
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					
(continue on back if necessary)					
28. sources of information  See reverse side				29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak	
(continue on back if necessary)				30. date 5-28-87	revision(s)
4. survey code					

3. ADDRESS: Buist Avenue, 7001  
5. NAME: Patterson, John M., School  
6. FORMER NAME: Tilden, Wm. T., School  
13. DATES: 1920-1921

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 8-register, brick school building set upon a raised brick basement. The outside registers each contain blank walls with brick panels. The next registers towards the center are the projecting stair towers and entrances. Stone entryways with entablatures sit at the ground floor. There appear two large openings with three windows and transoms in each at the landing levels and small openings containing three fixed sash below and above the cornices. A stylized gable appears above. On either side of the large central opening appear single openings on each floor. The center four registers each contain 3 openings in a 1-3-1 window pattern. The name of the school appears above the central two registers with stone coping on the parapet. A stone dripcourse runs above the basement, a stone beltcourse above the first floor and a short stone cornice above the third floor openings. The side facades contain three registers with the same window arrangement as the front.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The first design used after Richards left the employ of the School Board. John Cassell, who replaced J. Horace Cook as Superintendent of Buildings, and Irwin T. Catharine, who began the new Chief Designers both had spent many years in the Architect's Office at the School District. This building indicates that at first, Cassell and Catharine relied upon the standards set by Richards. It would not be for another two years that Catharine began to widely diverge from these standards and make school buildings works of architecture as well as bastions of education. In this sense, this building, along with the two others designed from the same Type Number, 136, represent the transitional period in school design just after World War I.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

28. SOURCES: School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract"  
Building Permit 1920 # 2030

EVALUATION: As a representative of the early work of the Catharine era and the transitional phase of school design after 1918, it is recommended that this building be included as part of the Philadelphia Schools Thematic Resource nomination.

There is one contributing building and one noncontributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886241000.

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Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/483050/4420360

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Thematic Nomination  
Joseph Catherine School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/479480/4419520

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Charles Audenried School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/482960/4420210

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Patterson/Tilden School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/479730/4418260

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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Edwin Vare School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/484100/4419320

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Thematic Nomination  
George Wolf School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/479980/4416300

