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PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Philadelphia's historic public school buildings are not just spaces for education - they are irreplaceable neighborhood landmarks that reflect the city's architectural heritage, education reform history, and community identity. Many school buildings face challenges, including deferred maintenance, hazardous materials, inadequate climate control systems, and declining enrollment.

With the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) now undertaking a long-term Facilities Planning Process, there is a critical and timely opportunity to embed historic preservation, through either modernization or adaptive reuse, into future decision-making. These buildings can and should be modernized to meet 21st-century educational and sustainability standards, but if that is not viable, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse must be part of the path forward.

This position paper offers recommendations to:

- Prioritize keeping and modernizing existing school buildings first.
- If determined infeasible, position schools for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.
- Reserve demolition as a last resort in facilities and capital planning.
- Implement mothballing protocols for closed schools to prevent deterioration and allow time for thoughtful reuse.
- Incorporate preservation goals into deaccession policies, with community input and cross-agency collaboration.
- Leverage federal, state, and local incentives to support and facilitate the reuse of closed school buildings for housing and community uses.

Philadelphia already has excellent examples of school-to-housing, school-to-commercial, and even school-to-school conversions. At the same time, recent demolitions of significant school buildings underscore the risks of inaction. Without strategic preservation policies, the city will lose vital community anchors and historic assets.

Historic schools support sustainability, affordable housing goals, and neighborhood continuity. Now is the moment for SDP and its partners to commit to a preservation-first approach.

INTRODUCTION

This paper argues for preserving and adaptively reusing Philadelphia's historic public schools. It explores the architectural, historical, and cultural value of these buildings, the challenges they face, and the policy opportunities to ensure their continued use and community benefit.

With the School District of Philadelphia's Facilities Planning Process now underway, decisions made in the coming months will shape the future of school infrastructure citywide. We believe this planning process must treat historic schools not as disposable liabilities, but as civic assets that deserve investment, creative vision, and responsible stewardship.

We offer recommendations for stakeholders, including SDP, preservationists, developers, policymakers, and community members, to align capital planning with preservation goals, sensitively modernize retained schools, and develop adaptive reuse strategies for buildings no longer viable for school use.



WHY HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE IMPORTANT

Philadelphia's historic school buildings are more than just brick and mortar. Built predominantly between the late 19th and the mid-20th centuries, these buildings embody the city's aspirations for public education and reflect architectural movements ranging from Gothic and Colonial Revival to International Style and Brutalism. These schools often serve as neighborhood anchors, reservoirs of memory, and community landmarks.

Early public schools in Philadelphia were part of a decentralized system; however, by the mid-1800s, architect Samuel Sloan introduced new standards for light, ventilation, and space planning. This laid the groundwork for more thoughtful school design, which was reinforced by the creation of the Superintendent of Buildings in 1867.

Between 1905 and 1937, architect Irwin T. Catharine led an unprecedented school construction boom. His designs, often in Gothic Revival or Art Deco styles, balanced form and function, reflecting the idea that a school's purpose could be expressed through its architecture. These buildings remain central institutions in many Philadelphia neighborhoods.

Postwar schools, built between 1948 and the 1970s, responded to modern needs with more streamlined designs, yet they still retain value, representing significant changes in public education, urban planning, and demographics.

Beyond their architectural value, these buildings serve as a civic legacy. Many were constructed during pivotal moments of educational expansion and reform, representing significant investments in public infrastructure and access to learning throughout the city.

Most importantly, public school buildings act as community anchors. Their physical presence shapes neighborhood identity and provides a shared space for generations of families. Even when no longer used as schools, their preservation and thoughtful reuse can continue to foster civic pride and neighborhood memory.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Despite their importance, many historic schools face mounting risks:

- **Demolition and Vacancy:** Decommissioning due to enrollment decline, building condition, or shifting district priorities.
- **Deferred Maintenance:** Longstanding underinvestment has left many schools with inadequate climate control systems and hazardous materials.
- **Modernization Pressures:** Upgrades focused solely on efficiency can lead to loss of historic fabric. Energy performance and preservation are not mutually exclusive, rehabilitation to historic standards can integrate sustainable systems and design.
- **Policy Gaps:** Current SDP deaccession policies do not prioritize adaptive reuse over demolition.



HISTORIC DESIGNATION STATUS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Historic designation can occur at both the national and local levels, each offering different forms of recognition and protection. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places identifies a building as historically significant and can make it eligible for financial incentives, such as state and federal tax credits and grants, but it does not restrict private owners unless federal funding is involved. In contrast, local designation in Philadelphia provides legal protection against demolition and zoning incentives.



It is significant that many of Philadelphia's school buildings have been designated at both the national and local levels, as this formally recognizes and documents their architectural, cultural, and civic importance. These designations acknowledge that schools are more than functional buildings, but rather neighborhood landmarks, reflections of the city's educational legacy, and often examples of notable design.

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

The NRHP is a federal designation provided by the National Park Service, in coordination with the state historic preservation office, that recognizes historic properties for their national, state, or local significance. All of the Philadelphia public schools built before 2014 have been surveyed for the NRHP by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission.

Existing Listings:

More than 150 Philadelphia public schools built between 1818 and 1938 were listed on the NRHP in the 1980s for their significance in education and architecture. This represents approximately 85% of the schools built during that period. To see information on all existing listings, see Appendix A.

Eligible Sites:

A 2014 reconnaissance-level survey identified an additional 100 schools built between 1938 and 1980 as eligible for NRHP listing. This determination of eligibility opens the opportunity to utilize the various benefits of designation. To see information on all eligible listings, see Appendix B.

Benefits of Listing on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Access to Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits
 - 20% credit on qualified rehabilitation expenses
- Flexibility in building code application
- Consideration in federally funded renovation or rehabilitation projects

Limitations of Listing on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Does not prevent privately funded demolition or inappropriate alteration by SDP or a private developer

Philadelphia Register of Historic Places (PRHP)

The Philadelphia Historical Commission, a city agency within the Department of Planning and Development, administers the PRHP, which provides legal protection for historic buildings, districts, sites, and structures.

Only ten schools actively owned SDP are listed on the local register:

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Ridgway Library	Creative and Performing Arts HS	901 S Broad St	1878
William Penn HS for Girls	Franklin Learning Center	616 N 15th St	1908
McCall	McCall	325 S 7th St	1909
Edgar Allan Poe	Girard Academic Music Program	2136 W Ritner St	1913
Stanton	Stanton	1700 Christian St	1926
Levering	Levering	6000 Ridge Ave	1929
Philadelphia HS for Girls	Masterman	1699 Spring Garden St	1933
George Washington	Vare-Washington	1114 S. 5th St	1935
Waring	Waring	1801 Green St	1956
Powel		3501 Powelton Ave	1961

Benefits of Local Designation:

- Protection from demolition or unsympathetic alteration by the Historical Commission
- Potential access to zoning advantages during redevelopment, including access to additional by-right uses and reduced or eliminated parking requirements

PRESERVATION PAYS

Cost Savings in School Repair vs. Replacement

The cost of demolition and new construction often outweighs that of preservation and modernization. National data indicates that repairing existing buildings can save between 15% and 30% compared to demolition and new construction, particularly when considering environmental, material, and community impact costs. Recent figures from the School District of Philadelphia's 2023 Facilities Planning Overview demonstrate that Philadelphia stands to save even more. Using data available from the district's summary report, we analyzed several historic schools and compared the projected cost to repair versus replace each building.

School	Repair Cost	Replace Cost	Savings	% Saved
Fitler	\$14,000,000	\$19,200,000	\$5,200,000	37.1%
Bache-Martin	\$16,000,000	\$23,600,000	\$7,600,000	47.5%
Cassidy	\$25,000,000	\$30,300,000	\$5,300,000	21.2%
Emlen	\$23,900,000	\$36,800,000	\$12,900,000	54.0%
Richmond	\$16,700,000	\$21,200,000	\$4,500,000	26.9%
Ethan Allen	\$21,800,000	\$33,500,000	\$11,700,000	53.7%
Dunbar	\$13,900,000	\$22,900,000	\$9,000,000	64.7%
Total estimated savings: \$50 million across just seven schools.				

These figures underscore that a preservation strategy isn't just philosophically sound, it's fiscally responsible. In the face of \$5 billion in identified capital needs, even selectively applying this approach would generate significant cost savings while preserving neighborhood anchors and cultural heritage.

In Philadelphia, the demolition of school buildings often carries additional burdens due to their size, age, and the presence of hazardous materials, such as asbestos. By contrast, thoughtful preservation or rehabilitation can access funding sources such as federal and state historic tax credits and avoid the loss of embodied energy.

SUCCESS STORIES

Adaptive Reuse of Historic Schools

Adaptive reuse has emerged as a powerful tool for preserving the legacy of historic school buildings while meeting modern needs. Many were financed with historic tax credits. Schools in residential neighborhoods are ideal locations for affordable housing or mixed-use development, supporting Mayor Parker's housing goals.

Below are several recent noteworthy examples, although this is not a comprehensive list.

Project Name	School Name	Year Built	New Use
Frankford Avenue Lofts	George L. Horn School	1904	Apartments
KIPP Philadelphia Preparatory Academy	John Greenleaf Whittier School	1913	Charter school
HELP Philadelphia VI	General John F. Reynolds School	1926	Veteran and senior housing
Kreate Hub Philadelphia	Thomas Powers School	1899	Affordable artist workspaces
BOK Building	Edward W. Bok Technical High School	1936	Affordable workspaces
Maguire Residences	Frances Willard School	1907	Affordable housing
Philly Office Retail HQ	Charles Schaeffer School	1876	Office space
Abigail Vare Lofts	Vare Elementary School	1903	Apartments
Lural L. Blevins Veterans Center	Spring Garden School	1928	Veteran and senior housing
Annex at Germantown	Germantown High School	1914	Apartments
Wharton Street Lofts	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1910	Apartments
West Lofts	West Philadelphia High School	1912	Apartments

CASE STUDIES IN LOSS

Several historically significant school buildings have been demolished by SDP in recent years:

School Name	ZIP Code	Year Built	Year Lost	Status
James Martin (AMY 5)	19134	1894	2024	NRHP listed
Thomas Holme	19114	1950	2024	NRHP eligible
Lewis C. Cassidy	19151	1924	2022	NRHP listed
Solis-Cohen	19136	1946	2018	NRHP eligible

These losses underscore the need for proactive planning and preservation strategies. Demolition erases neighborhood memory, displaces community functions, and squanders embodied carbon. Preservation or reuse would reduce material waste and align with the City of Philadelphia’s Clean & Green goals.



POLICY & FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR PRESERVATION

Policy Recommendations for the School District:

- Conduct a comprehensive inventory of historically significant school properties
- Embed preservation goals into long-term facilities and capital planning
- Prioritize reuse over demolition in deaccession policies
 - Ensure that no school is demolished without documented consideration of reuse options
- Report findings publicly and seek community input
- Form an advisory committee to explore costs, reuse scenarios, and funding options
- When modernizing retained historic schools, follow federal/local rehabilitation standards and employ experienced preservation firms
- Establish preservation partnerships with nonprofits, developers, and city agencies
- Implement mothballing protocols for closed schools to maintain their structural integrity and prevent further deterioration, allowing time for reuse planning.

Funding and Incentive Tools:

- Federal/State Tax Credits: Encourage utilization in adaptive reuse projects
- Local Incentives: Utilize zoning, density bonuses, or tax abatements
- Public-Private Partnerships: Leverage private capital for public benefit
- Community Development Resources: CDBG, LIHTC, and HUD programs

CONCLUSION

Preserving Philadelphia's public school buildings is a shared responsibility and a civic imperative. These structures tell the story of the city's educational evolution, anchor communities, and offer opportunities for creative, sustainable reuse.

The School District must adopt a preservation-first approach, ensuring that preservation, rehabilitation, and reuse are part of every facilities conversation. Tools such as federal and state historic preservation incentives should be leveraged to make rehabilitation financially feasible.

Strategically addressing demolition threats and long-term disinvestment requires proactive planning and coordination. Just as important is engaging local communities in the stewardship of these buildings, ensuring that their preservation serves not only memory, but also contemporary neighborhood needs.

By coordinating efforts across public agencies, private stakeholders, and communities, Philadelphia can ensure these cultural and architectural assets continue to serve and inspire future generations.



APPENDIX A

Image Captions

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APPENDIX B

Schools Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Belmont Public School	Belmont Charter School	4030-4060 Brown St.	1927
Kennedy C. Crossan Public School	Crossan Academics Plus	7350 Bingham St.	1922
Woodrow Willson Junior High School	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	1800 Cottman Ave.	1928
Laura H. Carnell Public School	Laura H. Carnell Elementary School	1100 Devereaux Ave.	1930
Watson Comly Public School House	Unknown	13250 Trevoise Rd.	1892
John Story Jenks Public School	John Story Jenks Elementary School	8301 Germantown Ave.	1923
Charles W. Henry Public School	Charles W. Henry Elementary School	601 Carpenter Ln.	1908
Eleanor C. Emlen School of Practice	Eleanor C. Emlen Elementary School	6501 Chew Ave.	1926
Henry H. Houston Public School	Henry H. Houston Elementary School	7300 Rural Ln.	1927
Olney Public School	Olney Elementary School	5301 N. Water St.	1900
Feltonville Public School	Feltonville Elementary School	4901 Rising Sun Ave.	1908
James Russell Lowell Public School	James R. Lowell Elementary School	450 W. Nedro Ave.	1913
Benjamin Franklin Public School	Franklin Academics Plus School	5735 Rising Sun Ave.	1915
Andrew J. Morrison Public School	Andrew J. Morrison Elementary School	5100 N. 3rd St.	1922
Clara Barton Public School	Clara Barton Elementary School	4600 Rosehill St.	1924
Thomas Creighton Public School	Universal Creighton Charter School	5401 E. Tabor Ave.	1930
Thomas K. Finletter Public School	Finletter Academics Plus School	6101 N. Front St.	1930
Olney High School	Olney Charter High School	100 W. Duncannon Ave.	1929
General John F. Reynolds Public School	General John F. Reynolds Public School	1429 N. 24th St.	1926
Gen. George G. Meade Public School	Gen. George G. Meade School	1600 N. 18th St.	1935
Roberts Vaux Junior High School	Roberts Vaux High School	2300 W. Master St.	1936
Muhlenberg Public School	National Tabernacle Baptist Church	1640 W. Master St.	1874
Joseph C. Ferguson School	Ferguson Academics Plus School	2000 N. 7th St.	1921
James R. Ludlow Public School	James R. Ludlow School	1345 N. 6th St.	1926
William H. Harrison Public School	William H. Harrison Public School	1012 W. Thompson St.	1928

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
James Elverson, Jr. Public School	Philadelphia Military Academy at Elverson	2118 N. 13th St.	1929
Paul L. Dunbar Public School	Dunbar Academics Plus School	1750 N. 12th St.	1931
Daniel Boone Public School	Daniel Boone School Apartments	109 W. Wildey St.	1926
Helen Fleischer Vocational School	Parkway Center City High School	540 N. 13th Street	1926
Spring Garden Public School	Spring Garden Public School No. 1	815 N. 12th Street	1927
Oliver P. Cornman Public School	Spring Garden Public School No. 2	1146 Melon St.	1930
Thaddeus Stevens School of Practice	Thaddeus Stevens School	1301 Spring Garden St.	1926-27*
Thomas Jefferson Public School	Bodine High School for International Affairs	1101 N. 4th St.	1924
Mary Channing Wister Public School	Philadelphia Police Forensics Science Center	843 N. 8th Street	1925
John Marshall Public School	John Marshall Public School	4500 Griscom St.	1909
Henry R. Edmunds Public School	The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences	1197 Haworth St.	1923
Warren G. Harding Junior High School	Warren G. Harding Middle School	2000 Wakeling St.	1923
George L. Horn Public School	George L. Horn Public School	3701 Frankford Ave.	1903
Francis Hopkinson Public School	Francis Hopkinson Public School	4001 L St.	1927
Franklin Smedley Public School	Master Charter School at Smedley	5199 Mulberry St.	1927
James J. Sullivan Public School	James J. Sullivan Elementary School	5300 Ditman St.	1929
David Wilmot Public School	J.C. King Educational Building	1734 Meadow St.	1874
William W. Axe Public School	NE Frankford Boys and Girls Club	1733 Kinsey St.	1903
Kensington High School for Girls	Kensington High School for International Business	2501 Coral St.	1916
Penn Treaty Junior High School	Penn Treaty Middle School	600 E. Thompson St.	1927
George Chandler Public School	The Chandler School Apartments	1050 E. Montgomery Ave.	1907
William Rowen Public School	William Rowen Public School	6841 N. 19th St.	1937
James Dobson Public School	James Dobson Public School	4665 Umbria St.	1929
William Levering Public School	AMY Northwest Middle School	6000 Ridge Ave.	1895
Thomas Mifflin Public School	Thomas Mifflin Public School	3624 Conrad St.	1935
Alexander Dallas Bache Public School	Bache-Martin Elementary School	2201 Brown St.	1905
Willis and Elizabeth Martin Orthopedic School	Bache-Martin Elementary School	800 N. 22nd Street	1936

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
William Penn High School for Girls	Franklin Learning Center	616 N. 15th St.	1908
Philadelphia High School for Girls	Julia R. Masterman Public School	1699 Spring Garden St.	1932
Lydia Darrah Public School	Darrah Apartments	718 N. 17th St.	1926
William B. Mann Public School	Mastery Charter School at Mann	5376 W. Berks St.	1923
Rudolph Blankenburg Public School	Rudolph Blankenburg Elementary School	4600 W. Girard Ave.	1923
Overbrook High School	Overbrook High School	5898 Lancaster Ave.	1924
Dimner Beeber Junior High School	Dimner Beeber Middle School	5925 Malvern Ave.	1931
George Brooks Public School	Camphor-Brooks School Apartments	5643 Haverford Ave.	1902
William H. Shoemaker Junior High School	Mastery Charter at Shoemaker	5301 Media St.	1925
Rudolph S. Walton Public School	Rudolph S. Walton Public School	2601-2631 N. 28th St.	1900
John Greenleaf Whittier Public School	John Greenleaf Whittier Public School	3001 N. 27th St.	1913
Thomas Fitzsimmons Junior High School	Fitzsimmons Middle School	2601 W. Cumberland St.	1927
Murrell Dobbins Vocational School	Murrell Dobbins A.V.T. High School	2150 W. Lehigh Ave.	1936
Simon Muhr Work Training School	Simon Muhr Public School	1124 W. Allegheny Ave.	1899
David Farragut Public School	David Farragut Public School	170 W. Cumberland St.	1873
William Adamson Public School	Timothy Academy	2637 N. 4th St.	1879
James Martin Public School	James Martin Middle School	3380 Richmond St.	1892
Philip H. Sheridan Public School	Philip H. Sheridan Elementary School	800 E. Ontario St.	1899
John Paul Jones Jr. High School	Memphis Street Academy	2950 Memphis St.	1923
Russell Conwell Public School	Russell Conwell School	1829 E. Clearfield St.	1925
Richmond Public School	Richmond School	2944 Belgrade St.	1928
Thomas J. Powers Public School	Community Women's Education Project	2801 Frankford Ave.	1899
Frances E. Willard Public School	Frances E. Willard Public School	1920 E. Orleans St.	1907
Hamilton Disston Public School	Hamilton Disston School	6801 Cottage St.	1923
Mary Disston Public School	St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic School	4521 Longshore Ave.	1900
Edwin Forrest Public School	Edwin Forrest Public School	7370 Cottage St.	1928
Joseph H. Brown Public School	Joseph H. Brown School	3600 Stanwood St.	1937

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Henry W. Longfellow Public School	Henry W. Longfellow Public School	5004-5098 Tacony St.	1915
John L. Kinsey Public School	John L. Kinsey School	6501 Limekiln Pk.	1915
Samuel W. Pennypacker Public School	Samuel Pennypacker School	1858 E. Washington Ln.	1930
West Philadelphia High School	West Philadelphia High School	4700 Walnut St.	1911
Henry C. Lea Public School	Henry C. Lea Public School	4700 Locust St.	1914
Mayer Sulzberger Junior High School	Parkway West High School	4725 Fairmount Ave.	1923
Thomas Dunlap School	The Dunlap	5031 Race St.	1905
Oliver Wendell Holmes Public School	Holmes School Senior Complex	5429-5455 Chestnut St.	1916
Bayard Taylor Public School	Bayard Taylor Elementary School	3698 N. Randolph St.	1907
Alexander K. McClure School	Alexander K. McClure School	600 W. Hunting Park Ave.	1910
Simon Gratz High School	Simon Gratz High School	1798 Hunting Park Ave.	1925
Elizabeth Duane Gillespie Junior High School	Elizabeth Duane Gillespie Middle School	3901-3961 N. 18th St.	1925
General David B. Birney Public School	Birney Preparatory Academy	900 Lindley Ave.	1913
Julia Ward Howe Public School	Julia Ward Howe School	5800 N. 13th St.	1913
Jay Cooke Junior High School	Jay Cooke Elementary School	1300 W. Loudon St.	1922
James Logan Public School	James Logan Public School	1700 Lindley Ave.	1924
Joseph Pennell Public School	Joseph Pennell Public School	1800 Nedro Ave.	1926
General Louis Wagner Junior High School	General Louis Wagner Middle School	1701 Chelten Ave.	1927
Central High School	Central High School	1700 W. Olney Ave.	1937
John M. Patterson Public School	John M. Patterson Public School	7001 Buist Ave.	1920
William T. Tilden Junior High School	William T. Tilden Middle School	6601 Elmwood Ave.	1926
Joseph W. Catharine Public School	Joseph W. Catharine Public School	6600 Chester Ave.	1937
John Bartram High School	John Bartram High School	2401 S. 67th St.	1937
S. Weir Mitchell Public School	Mitchell Elementary School	5500 Kingsessing Ave.	1915
Anna H. Shaw Junior High School	Hardy Williams Charter High School	5400 Warrington Ave.	1922
Edwin H. Fitler Public School	Fitler Academics Plus	140 West Seymour St.	1897
Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School	Roosevelt Elementary School	430 E. Washington Ln.	1924

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Robert Fulton Public School	Fulton Elementary School	60 East Haines St.	1935
Alfred Crease Public School	None	6214 Wissahickon Ave.	1874
Germantown Grammar School	Small World Discovery Center	5933 McCallum St.	1875
Thomas Meehan Public School	Pentecostal Faith Assembly Church	5347 Pulaski Ave.	1901
C. W. Shaeffer Public School		4701 Germantown Ave.	1876
Delaplaine McDaniel Public School	Delaplaine McDaniel School	1801 S. 22nd St.	1935
Anthony Wayne Public School	Anthony Wayne Senior Housing	1701 S. 28th St.	1908
F. Amedee Bregy Public School		1700 Bigler St.	1923
Edwin H. Vare Junior High School	Vare Universal Charter Middle School	2100 South 24th St.	1922
George W. Childs Public School		1541 S. 17th St.	1894
Walter George Smith Public School		1900 Wharton St.	1924
Edwin M. Stanton Public School	Edwin M. Stanton Elementary School	1700 Christian St.	1925
Jeremiah Nichols Public School/Norris S. Barratt Jr. High	George W. Childs School	1599 Wharton St.	1908
William S. Peirce Public School	William S. Peirce Public School	2400 Christian St.	1928
James Alcorn Public School	Universal Alcorn Charter School	3200 Dickinson St.	1931
Thomas H. Durham Public School	Independence Charter School	1600 Lombard St.	1909
Landreth Public School	The Landreth	1201 S. 23rd St.	1889
Andrew Jackson Public School	Andrew Jackson School	1213 S. 12th St.	1925
George W. Nebinger Public School	George W. Nebinger School	601 Carpenter St.	1925
Eliza Butler Kirkbride Public School	Eliza B. Kirkbride School	1501 S. 7th St.	1925
Charles E. Bartlett Junior High School	Academy at Palumbo	1100 Catharine St.	1930
William M. Meredith Public School	Meredith Elementary School	725 S. 5th St.	1930
George Washington Public School	Vare-Washington Elementary School	1198 S 5th St.	1935
Nathaniel Hawthorne Public School	Hawthorne Lofts	712 S. 12th St.	1907
Ralston Public School		221 Bainbridge St.	1869
Samuel J. Randall Public School		915 Bainbridge St.	1865
Francis Scott Key Public School	Francis Scott Key School	2230 S. 8th St	1889

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Abigail Vare Public School	Abigail Vare Elementary School	1619 E. Moyamensing Ave.	1902
George Sharswood Public School	George Sharswood School	2300 S. 2nd St.	1906
Southwark Public School	Southwark School	1835 S. 9th St.	1909
Horace Howard Furness Junior High School	Horace Howard Furness High School	1900 S. 3rd St.	1912
D. Newlin Fell Public School	D. Newlin Fell School	900 W. Oregon Ave.	1924
Edward Bok Vocational School	Bok Technical High School	1901 S. 9th St.	1936
George C. Thomas Public School	Mastery Charter School at Thomas	2746 S. 9th St.	1920
Ethan Allen Public School	Ethan Allen School	6329 Battersby St	1929
Overbrook Public School	Overbrook Elementary School	2032 N. 62nd St	1906
Lewis C. Cassidy Public School	Cassidy Academics Plus	6523 Lansdowne Ave.	1922
Thomas Buchanan Read Public School	Motivation High School	2555 S. 78th St.	1906
George Wolf Public School	Communications Tech High School	8110 Lyons Ave.	1926

APPENDIX C

Schools Deemed Eligible for National Register Listing

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Germantown High School	Germantown High School	40 E. High St.	1914
Albert M. Greenfield Public School	Albert M. Greenfield Elementary School	2200 Chestnut St.	1968
Morton McMichael Public School	Morton McMichael Elementary School	3543 Fairmount Ave.	1963
Drew-Walnut Center	Walnut Center	3725 Warren St.	1970
O.V. Catto Public School	Paul Robeson HS for Human Services	4125 Ludlow St.	1958
Samuel Powel Public School	Samuel Powel Public School	301 N. 36th St.	1960
Joseph Leidy Public School	Joseph Leidy Elementary School	1301 Belmont Ave.	1963
E. Spencer Miller Public School	E. Spencer Miller School	4300 Westminster Ave.	1966
West Philadelphia University City High School	West Philadelphia University City High School	3601 Filbert St.	1971
Fox Chase Public School	Fox Chase Elementary School	500 Rhawn St.	1949
J. Hampton Moore Public School	J. Hampton Moore Public School	6900 Summerdale Ave.	1951
Northeast High School	Northeast High School	1601 Cottman Ave.	1955
Samuel Fels Jr High School	Carnell Middle Years Academy	1001 Devereaux Ave	1952
John Hancock Public School	John Hancock Demonstration School	3700 Morrell Ave.	1967
Thomas Holme Elementary School*	Thomas Holme School	9125 Academy Rd	1950
Swenson Skills Center	Swenson Arts and Technology High School	2750 Red Lion Rd.	1976
Anne Frank Elementary School	Anne Frank Elementary School	2000 Bowler St.	1961
Joseph Greenburg Public School	Greenburg Elementary School	600 Sharon Ln.	1965
C.C.A. Baldi Middle School	C.C.A. Baldi Middle School	8801 Verree Rd.	1971
George Washington High School	George Washington High School	10175 Bustleton Ave	1960
William H. Loesche Elementary School	William H. Loesche Elementary School	595 Tomlinson Rd	1967
Frederick Douglass Public School	Young Scholars Frederick Douglass Charter School	2118 W. Norris St.	1936

Historic Name	Current Name	Address	Year Built
Tanner Duckrey Public School	Tanner Duckrey Public School	1501 W. Diamond St.	1968
William Dick Public School	William Dick Public School	2498 W. Diamond St.	1953
Edward Gideon Public School	Edward Gideon Public School	2817 W. Glenwood Ave.	1950
Daniel Boone Public School	Camelot Academy	1435 N. 26th St.	1962
William D. Kelley Public School	William D. Kelley Public School	1601 N. 28th St.	1966
Robert Morris Public School	Robert Morris Elementary School	2600 W. Thompson St.	1966
James G. Blaine Public School	James G. Blaine Public school	3001 West Berks St.	1966
William McKinley Public School	William McKinley Elementary School	2101 N. Orkney St.	1970
William Penn High School	William Penn High School	1333 N. Broad St.	1973
Frankford High School	Frankford High School	5000 Oxford Ave.	1914
Allen M. Stearne Public School	Allen M. Stearne Public School	1655 Unity St.	1966
Alexander Adaire Public School	Alexander Adaire Public School	1300 E. Palmer St.	1956
Horatio B. Hackett Public School	Horatio B. Hackett Public School	2161 E. York St.	1967
Ellwood Public School	Ellwood Elementary School	6701 N. 13th St.	1956
Cook-Wissahickon Public School	Cook-Wissahickon Public School	201 E. Salaignac St.	1968
Benjamin Franklin High School	Benjamin Franklin High School	550 N. Broad St.	1957
Samuel Gompers Public School	Samuel Gompers Public School	5701 Wynnefield Ave.	1949
Edward Heston Public School	Edward Heston Public School	1621 N. 54th St.	1971
Richard R. Wright Public School	Richard R. Wright Public School	2700 W. Dauphin St.	1968
Anna B. Pratt Public School	Anna B. Pratt Public School	2200 N. 22nd St.	1954
M. Hall Stanton Public School	M. Hall Stanton Public School	2539 N. 16th St.	1957
Leslie Pinckney Hill Public School	Leslie Pinckney Hill Public School	3133 Ridge Ave.	1964
Strawberry Mansion Junior High	Strawberry Mansion Middle School	3133 Ridge Ave.	1964
Strawberry Mansion	Strawberry Mansion High School	3133 Ridge Ave.	1964
Dr. Ethel Allen Public School	Dr. Ethel Allen School	3200 W. Lehigh Ave.	1969
E. Washington Rhodes School	E. Washington Rhodes School	2900 W. Clearfield St.	1969
George Clymer Public School	George Clymer Accelerated Learning Community School	1201 W. Rush St.	1964

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John Welsh Public School	John Welsh Public School	2331 N. 4th St.	1966
Fairhill Elementary School	Fairhill School	601 W. Somerset St.	1968
John F. Hartranft Public School	John F. Hartranft Community School	720 W. Cumberland St.	1967
Potter Thomas Public School	Potter Thomas Public School	3001 N. 6th St.	1969
John H. Webster Public School	John H. Webster Public School	3400 Frankford Ave.	1967
Lewis Elkin Public School	Lewis Elkin Elementary School	3199 D St.	1971
Anna Blakiston Day Public School	Anna Blakiston Day Public School	6324 Crittenden St.	1952
Francis D. Pastorius Elementary School	Francis D. Pastorius Charter School	5650 Sprague St.	1965
Martin Luther King High School	Martin Luther King High School	6100 Stenton Ave.	1972
Ada H. H. Lewis Middle School	Ada H. H. Lewis Middle School	6199 Ardleigh St.	1971
William L. Sayre Junior High School	William L. Sayre High School	5800 Walnut St.	1949
James Rhoads Public School	James Rhoads Public School	4901 Parrish St.	1959
Alain Locke Public School	Alain Locke Public School	4550 Haverford Ave.	1965
Andrew Hamilton Public School	Andrew Hamilton Public School	5640 Spruce St.	1968
Kenderton Public School	Kenderton Charter School	1500 W. Ontario St.	1960
Mary McLeod Bethune Public School	Mary McLeod Bethune Public School	3301 Old York Rd.	1969
Edward T. Steel Public School	Edward T. Steel Public School	4301 Wayne Ave.	1970
Philadelphia High School for Girls	Philadelphia High School for Girls	1400 W. Olney Ave.	1956
Prince Hall Public School	Prince Hall Public School	6101 N. Gratz St.	1973
Thomas G. Morton Public School	Thomas G. Morton Public School	2501 S. 63rd St.	1970
Alexander Wilson Public School	Alexander Wilson Public School	1300 S. 46th St.	1958
Add. B. Anderson Public School	Add B. Anderson Public School	1034 S. 60th St.	1962
Samuel B. Huey Public School	Samuel B. Huey Public School	5200 Pine St.	1963
William C. Longstreth Public School	William C. Longstreth Public School	5700 Willows Ave.	1970
Dr. John P. Turner Middle School	West Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School	5900 Baltimore Ave	1969
Anna Lane Lingelbach Public School	Lingelbach Elementary School	6340 Wayne Ave.	1955
John Wister Public School	Wister Elementary School	67 E. Bringhurst St.	1955

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John B. Kelly Public School	John B. Kelly Elementary School	5116 Pulaski Ave.	1968
Clarence E. Pickett Middle School	Pickett Campus Mastery Charter School	5700 Wayne Ave.	1968
Stephen Girard Public School	Stephen Girard School	1801 Snyder Ave.	1957
Chester A. Arthur Public School	Chester A. Arthur Public School	800 S. 20th St.	1963
South Philadelphia High School	South Philadelphia High School	2101 S. Broad St.	1956
Solomon Solis-Cohen School*	Solomon Solis-Cohen School	7001 Horrocks St.	1948
Mayfair Public School	Mayfair Public School	3001 Princeton Ave.	1949
Gilbert Spruance Public School	Gilbert Spruance School	6401 Horrocks St.	1950
Morris E. Leeds Middle School	Morris E. Leeds Middle School	1100 E. Mt Pleasant Ave.	1954
Franklin Spencer Edmonds Public Schools	Franklin Spencer Edmonds Public school	8025 Thouron Ave.	1948
John F. McCloskey Public School	John F. McCloskey Public School	8500 Pickering St.	1952
Robert E. Lamberton High School	Robert E. Lamberton Elementary School	7501 W. Woodbine Ave.	1949
Rhawnhurst Elementary School	Rhawnhurst Elementary School	7809 Castor Ave.	1949
Louis H. Farrell Public School	Louis H. Farrell Elementary School	8300 Castor Ave.	1958
Robert Blair Pollock Public School	Robert Blair Pollock Public School	2875 Welsh Rd.	1962
Austin Meehan Middle School	Austin Meehan Middle School	3001 Ryan Ave.	1970
Penrose Public School	Penrose School	2515 S. 78th St.	1971
George Wharton Pepper Middle School	George Wharton Pepper Middle School	2901 S. 84th St.	1976
Fitzpatrick School	Fitzpatrick Elementary	11061 Knights Rd.	1959
Stephen Decatur Public School	Stephen Decatur School	3500 Academy Rd.	1965
Benjamin Rush Junior High School	Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush	11081 Knights Rd.	1968
General J. H. LaBrum Middle School	General J. H. LaBrum Middle School	10800 Hawley Rd.	1973



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