

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For HCRS use only

received MAY 28 1980

date entered JUN 30 1980

## 1. Name

historic Indianola Junior High School

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 420 East 19th Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 15

state Ohio code 039 county Franklin code 049

## 3. Classification

|                                                 |                                            |                                                     |                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                           | <b>Status</b>                                       | <b>Present Use</b>                              |
| ____ district                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | ____ agriculture                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | ____ private                               | ____ unoccupied                                     | ____ commercial                                 |
| ____ structure                                  | ____ both                                  | ____ work in progress                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational |
| ____ site                                       | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                  | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | ____ entertainment                              |
| ____ object                                     | ____ in process                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | ____ government                                 |
|                                                 | ____ being considered                      | ____ yes: unrestricted                              | ____ industrial                                 |
|                                                 |                                            | ____ no                                             | ____ military                                   |
|                                                 |                                            |                                                     | ____ other:                                     |

## 4. Owner of Property

name Columbus Board of Education

street & number 270 East State Street

city, town Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Ohio

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Administration Building

street & number 40 South High Street

city, town Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☒ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

date Jan. 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ federal ☒ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historical Preservation Office

city, town Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Indianola Junior High School is a three-story buff-colored stretcher bond brick building constructed on a concrete foundation. The 18 bay walls are pier and spandrel design with segmental and flat arched 4/4 light recessed windows. The entranceway at the right center facade is surmounted by a bison head carving and decoratively carved stone tiles of stylistic animal figures aside. Stone coping follows the roof-line and hipped roof with gablet is covered with asphalt shingles. A bas sculpture of an Indian chief is over the third story. The building is also ornamented with balconies, shields, and terra cotta urns. The front entrance has oak doors with arched leaded glass panes and brass studs.

Interior details include a wood-burning fireplace, ornamental plaster, doors and bookcases with arched designed leaded and tapestry glass. Oak woodwork and wainscotting, much of which is from the original building on 16th and Indianola Ave. is also present.



## 8. Significance

| Period                                    | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |                                                 |                                                 |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|                                           |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**Specific dates** 1929 **Builder/Architect** Howard Dwight Smith

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Indianola Junior High School is an architecturally significant 1929 3-story brick institutional structure with modernistic influences. Its decorative features include terra cotta ornament, balconies and sculpture. The building was designed by Howard Dwight Smith, an Ohio State University architect at the time, who also designed the Ohio Stadium, a National Register property. Dr. Erwin Frey, another Ohio State man, created the sculpture on the building. He is noted for his statue of Dr. William Oxley Thompson which stands in front of the Ohio State University Main Library. Interior woodwork and ornamentation further highlight this structure's significance.

Columbus was the first to establish the Junior High School concept in this country with Indianola. Originally located in a still existant 1907 structure in the vicinity, the institution was moved to this school building in 1929 because of overcrowding. This building should also be recognized for housing an institution which continues to promote innovative practices in the field of education.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

House, Edgar. The Junior High School Movement in Columbus. The Ohio State University: M.A. Thesis, 1937.

Hunnicut, Wm. The Rise of the Junior High School Movement in Ohio. The Ohio State University, M.A. Thesis, 1930.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Northeast Columbus, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Nominated property consists of school property only, known as Parcel Number 27433 of the City of Columbus, and measures 50' by 140'.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| state | code | county | code |

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathy A. Mast/Assistant Regional Preservation Officer

organization Columbus Landmarks Foundation date February 1980

street & number 22 North Front Street telephone (614)221-0227

city or town Columbus state Ohio

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*David L. Brook*

title Chief, Div. of Hist. Pres., Ohio Historical Society

date 5/16/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*W. Ray Luce*

date 6/30/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *William H. Bravham*

date 6-2-80

Chief of Registration

Property

*Indianola Junior High School*

State

*OH, Franklin*

Working Number

*5.28.80.1421*

TECHNICAL

Photos

Maps

*6*  
*1*

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*1929 school - built to serve as  
p. high, which relieved the structure  
where p. high school concept was originated.*

ARCHEOLOGIST

*This structure is architecturally significant  
as an art deco influenced (or depression modern)  
pauvethan revival styled structure.*

OTHER

*Significant for architecture and educational  
associations.*

*accept  
Bravham  
6.2.80*

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

*JUN 30 1980*

Federal Register Entry

Re-submit

*2.3.81*







Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School)

420 East 19th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doreen Uhas  
same address as above

January, 1980  
Facade

JUN 30 1980

MAY 28 1980

1086

Indianola Jr. High

420 EAST 19TH AVE.

Columbus, Ohio 43202

front, south side, center, right





Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School)

420 East 19th Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doreen Uhas

same address as above

January, 1980

Facade and West elevation (partial)

JUN 30 1980

MAY 28 1980

MAY 28 1980

2066

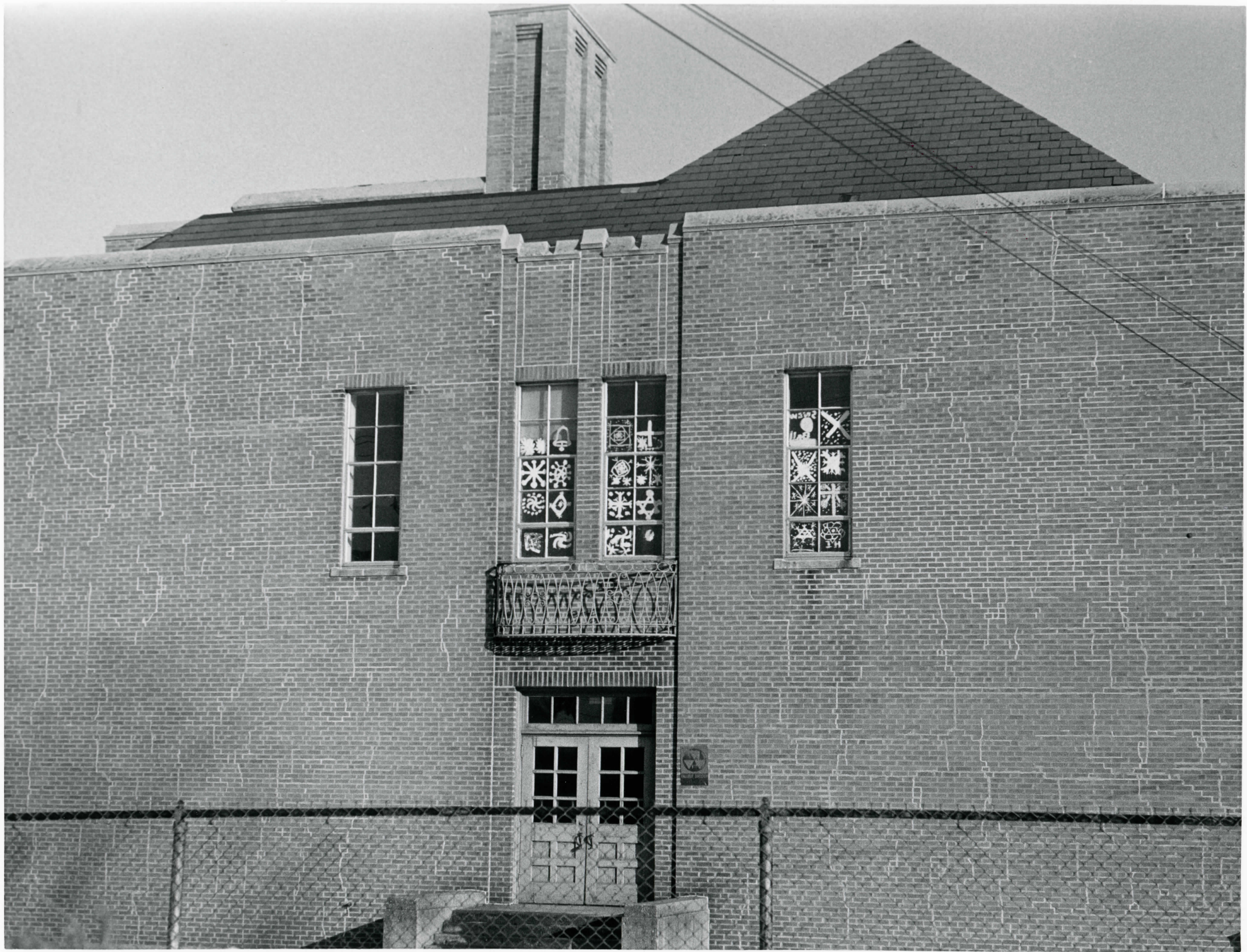
Indianola Jr. High

420 EAST 19th AVE.

Columbus, Ohio 43202

front, south side, extreme left







Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School )  
420 East 19th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doreen Uhas

same address as above

January, 1980

Rear (North) elevation

JUN 30 1980

MAY 28 1980

3076

Indianola Jr. High  
420 EAST 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio  
North side







Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School)  
420 East 19th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doreen Uhas  
same address as above

JUN 30 1980  
MAY 28 1980

January, 1980  
Grounds east of building

4066

Indianola Jr High  
420 EAST 19th  
Columbus Ohio  
grounds, east of building



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Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School)  
420 East 19th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

JUN 30 1980

Doreen Uhas

same address as above

MAY 28 1980

January, 1980

West Courtyard & Elevation

5 of 6

Indianola Jr. High  
420 EAST 19th Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio

west side, courtyard







Franklin County, Ohio

(Indianola Jr. High School)  
420 East 19th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doreen Uhas

same address as above

January, 1980

Facade and east elevation

JUN 30 1980

MAY 28 1980

6066

Indianola Jr. High  
420 EAST 19th Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio  
South and east corner

FOL





Indianola Jr. High School, Columbus,  
Franklin County, Ohio

Photo: David Simmons, 1980

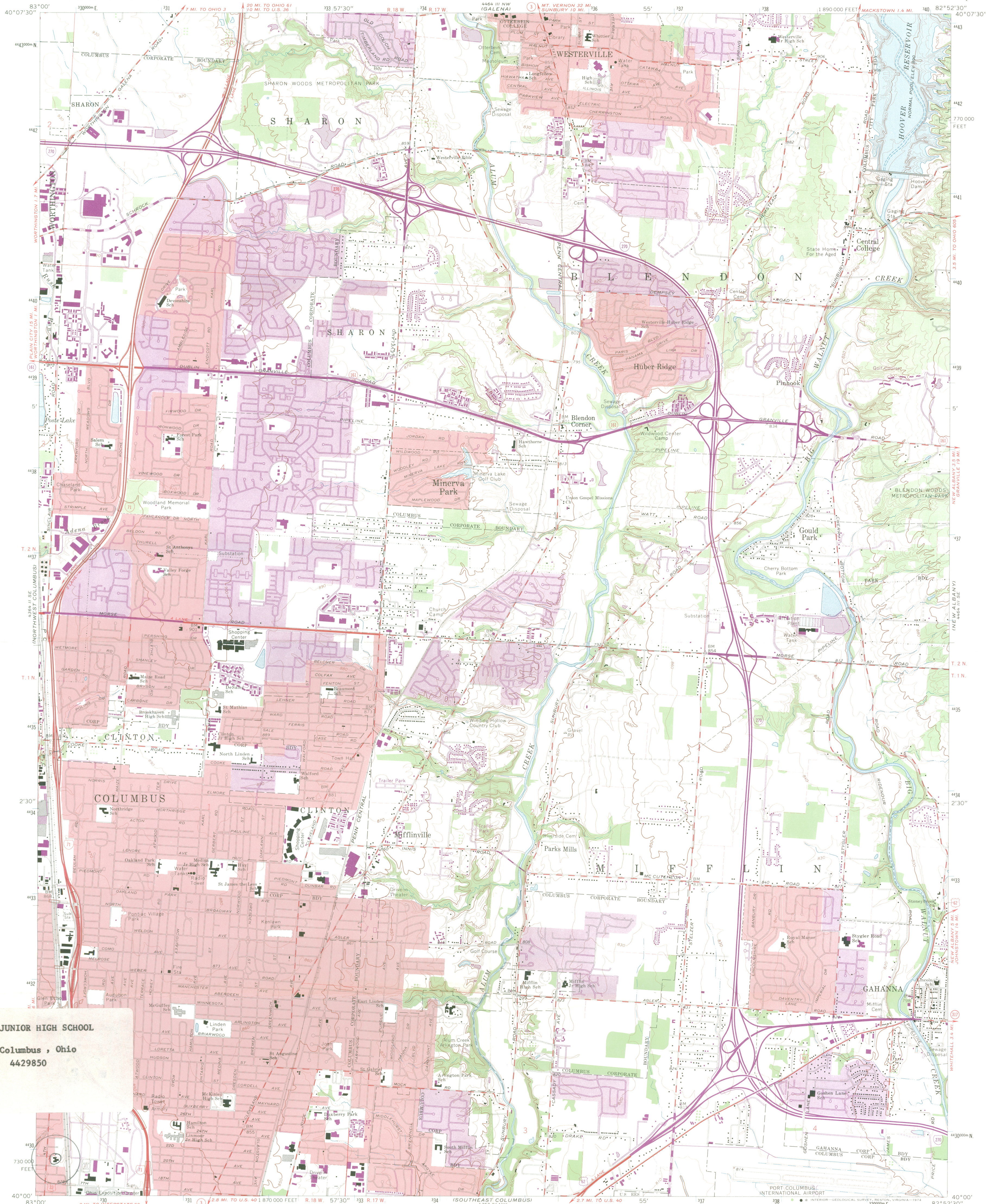
Negative: Ohio Historic Preservation Office

View of fireplace in library



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

NORTHEAST COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE  
OHIO—FRANKLIN CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



INDIANOLA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Northeast Columbus, Ohio  
17 330050 4429850

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and City of Columbus  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1953. Field checked 1954. Revised 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system,  
south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Entire area lies within the United States Military District  
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District

UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken  
1973. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ——— State Route ———  
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NORTHEAST COLUMBUS, OHIO

JUN 30 1980





# Columbus Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
JOSEPH L. DAVIS

INDIANOLA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
420 NINETEENTH AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43201

April 3, 1980

Dick Mosely, Chairman  
Ohio Historical Site Advisory Board  
Ohio Historical Society  
1-71 and 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Mosely:

It has come to my attention that the O.N.S.A. Board will be considering its final approval to place Indianol Junior High School on the National Register of Historic Places at the April 28, 1980 meeting. We certainly hope the Board will give its approval and will further assist us by working toward any additional steps as quickly as possible.

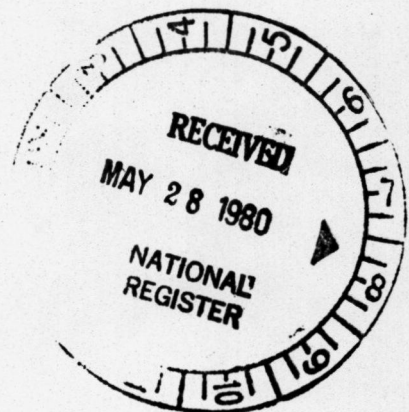
Our application to the National Register is part of a year-long school history project. Our target date to finish this project is Sunday, June 1, 1980. At this point, we will be working with students, alumna and city officials. We are not in a position to postpone our target date because the school year will end quickly thereafter.

Anything you can do to expedite further activities related to the National Register would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Eugene Borden*

Eugene Borden, Principal  
Indianola Junior High School  
EB/js





# Columbus Public Schools

270 East State Street • Columbus, Ohio 43215

JOSEPH L. DAVIS, Superintendent •

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS: CHARLES C. HALL, Administrative Services; EVELYN F. LUCKEY, Instructional Services;  
HOWARD O. MERRIMAN, Management Services; EDWIN J. TILTON, Business Services; THEODORE H. TURNER, Student Development Services

April 10, 1980

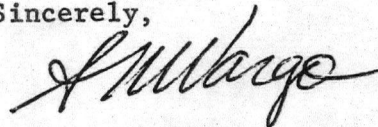
Mr. Richard Mosely, Chairman  
Ohio Historical Site Preservation Advisory Board  
Ohio Historical Society  
I-71 and 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Mr. Mosely:

I understand that the Advisory Board will be considering its recommendation on the application to nominate Indianola Junior High School for placement on the Historic Register at your April 28, 1980 meeting. I feel this building deserves such placement and I am sure your Board will agree upon reviewing the application.

This letter represents a request that you act upon the Indianola nomination at your April 28 meeting. The reason for the request is that a function is planned at the school for June 1 and it would be desirable to know whether the building has been approved or not at that time. I understand that final listing is a Washington D.C. decision and perhaps your nomination on April 28 may not guarantee a final decision by June 1 but it would allow more time for such a decision. Any consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Stephen M. Vargo  
Department of Facility Planning  
Columbus Public Schools

SMV/vb

cc: Christine Fisher  
Indianola Junior High





# Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

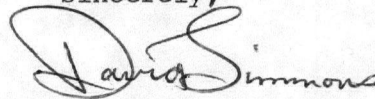
May 22, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper  
National Register of  
Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
W434  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is an additional photograph which should be added to the National Register nomination for the Indianola Jr. High School, Franklin County that was recently submitted to your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David A. Simmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent and the last name "Simmons" following in a similar style.

David A. Simmons  
Historian and Manager  
National Register Program

DAS:jb  
enclosure



THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D MAY 28 1980

\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_ ACTION TAKEN



# Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

May 22, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
W 434  
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is one new National Register nomination which we would like to have expedited. All new notification procedures have been followed and it has been reviewed and approved by the state review board.

Indianola Jr. High School

Franklin County

Included are two letters from the owners. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

*David L. Brook*

David L. Brook  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DLB:cw

enclosures





ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered <sup>0861 D S NY</sup> JUN 30 1980

Name

Location

Indianola Junior High School

Columbus  
Franklin County

Dunbar Historic District

Dayton  
Montgomery County

Also Notified

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.  
Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum  
Honorable Chalmers P. Wylie  
Honorable Tony P. Hall

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. David Brook  
The Ohio Historical Society  
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Byers/mjd

7/14/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.