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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
8. property owners name and address Constantine Bohachevsky 932 N. Frankin St. Philadelphia, PA 19123		9. tax parcel number / other number 886242000		
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1900-1901		5. Present name St. Josaphat's R.C. School
16. architect or engineer Andrew Sauer		14. period 1900-1901		
18. architect or engineer Andrew Sauer		17. contractor or builder Harry Kuemmerle		2. Municipality Philadelphia
19. original use Public School		15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival		
20. present use Parochial School		18. primary building mat./construction Granite		3. street address or specific location 4521 Longshore Avenue
21. condition Good		22. integrity Good		
23. site plan with north arrow 		BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S) 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact note location of negative in block 24.		4. survey code
24. photo notation		25. file/location		
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) A 2-story, 3-register, granite school building. It is set in a shallow U-plan with a recessed center. The three openings on the first floor of the wings are arched; the second floor openings are rectangular. Stone sills appear under all openings. The recessed center part has some of the most ornate detailing found on a public school building. The first floor has a colannaded porch with arched openings topped by a balustrade. The name of the school appears above the openings of this porch. The second floor has a central Palladian window flanked by rectangular openings. The hipped roof is pierced by a single broken pedimented dormer over the center register. A rear addition constructed in 1967 is connected to the main building by a corridor and does not compromise Sauer's original design.				
27. history, significance and/or background The Mary Disston School, now St. Josaphet's Roman Catholic School, is one of but two surviving examples of Andrew J. Sauer's work during his tenure with the School Board. The other, the Olney School, was listed on the National Register in 1986. No other school duplicates the Mary Disston School in plan or elevation. Sauer used much richer Colonial Revival detailing on this building than is				
28. sources of information Edmunds, The Public School Buildings of Philadelphia Edmunds, Chronological List of Philadelphia School Buildings		29. prepared by: J. M. Moak		6. other name (historic name if any) Mary Disston School
(continue on back if necessary)		30. date 6-20-87		

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

commonly found on its contemporaries. The Palladian windows and ballustraded portico within the recessed entry give to the Disston School additional distinction as design, particularly in a public school building of the era.

Following his employment with the School District, Sauer entered private practice and became widely known as an architect of commercial and industrial buildings, designing such structures in Philadelphia, eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He also did a number of cinemas in the second decade of the twentieth century. This in itself makes Sauer rather singular in the history of Philadelphia public school architects from c. 1875 to 1938, except for the occasional contract architect, for architects tended to remain with the District and receive recognition only for this one genre of design.

28. SOURCES (continued)

Tatman and Moss, Biographical Dictionary of Philadelphia Architects

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

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

There is one contributing and one non-contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886242000.

EVALUATION

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

EVALUATOR(S)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Philadelphia Public Schools TR

State Philadelphia County, PA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 21. Cooke, Jay, Junior High School
Keeper Linda McClelland 11/18/88
Substantive Review
Attest _____
- 22. Creighton, Thomas, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 23. Crossan, Kennedy, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 24. Disston, Hamilton, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 25. Disston, Mary, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 26. Dobbins, Murrell, Vocational School
Keeper Linda McClelland 11/18/88
Substantive Review
Attest _____
- 27. Dobson, James, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 28. Durham, Thomas, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 29. Edmunds, Henry R., School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 30. Elverson, James, Jr., School
Keeper Melores Byers 11/18/88
Entered in the National Register
Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Disston, Mary, School

MULTIPLE NAME: Philadelphia Public Schools TR

STATE & COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia

DATE RECEIVED: 10/04/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/18/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/03/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/18/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002319

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11/18/88 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Mary Disston School

4521 Longshore

1987

Negatives at Philadelphia Historical
Commission

Photographed by City of Philadelphia
Front Facade

Phila. Public Schools TR

Phila. County

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000730