

<b>PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM</b> OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1028 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission	
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886258000	10. U.T.M. zone 118 4181411010 4 acres 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) 414119131210 sheet: Philadelphia
12. classification <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object <input type="checkbox"/> building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thematic in N.R. district yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	13. date(s) (how determined) 1922-1924 14. period 1922-1924	15. style, design or folk type Colonial Revival	19. original use School 20. present use School
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine	17. contractor or builder Unknown	18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone trim	21. condition Very good 22. integrity Very 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.	
24. photo notation		25. file/location	
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) A 3-story, 17-register, brick building upon a raised basement. The front of the building is in the shape of a shallow W. The center three registers form the middle of the W. This pavilion has a stone first floor with arched entrance openings, stone pilasters separating the openings on the upper floors, a stonecourse with the name of the school above the third floor and a balcony on top. The six registers on either side have a brick first floor with triple sash within the openings, stone sills and stone keystone-center lintels. A stone beltcourse/cornice runs beneath the brick parapet. The end registers project and have the same sash arrangement. The side elevations stretch 12 registers deep with projecting entrances in the third registers from the ends. All openings along the side are at the same level.			
27. history, significance and/or background In response to changes in educational theory and practice, the School District of Philadelphia undertook a program of erecting junior high schools. The first junior high school in Philadelphia, Holmes Junior High School, was built as an elementary school and, with the addition of an auditorium and other rooms, converted to a junior high school soon after its completion in 1916-1917. This school			
28. sources of information School Board, "New Buildings Under Contract"		29. prepared by: J. M. Moak	
30. date 5-28-87		revision(s)	

1. County  
Philadelphia

2. Municipality  
Philadelphia

3. Street address or specific location  
2102 South 24th Street

4. Survey code

5. Present name  
Edwin H. Vane Junior High School

6. Other name (historic name if any)  
N/A

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27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

appears as a part of this nomination. During the expansive years following World War I, the School District began to design and erect buildings specifically as junior high schools. The first plans for junior high schools as junior high schools received the type designation JHS-4. This new school was large by the standards of the era and was exceeded in size only by the senior high schools of the second decade of the twentieth century. In the years 1922-1924, the School District had eight identical buildings erected from this model devised by Irwin T. Catharine. The contract for the first of this form, the Edwin H. Vare School, was let in March 1922, followed the next month by those for the Anna H. Shaw and the Jay Cooke Schools. Construction of three others began in 1923. The Edwin H. Vare Junior High School represents this innovation in pedagogy, and in the development and implementation of architectural plans to meet the new need. The Vare School possesses very good integrity.

National Register Criteria: A and C, Architecture and Education.

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

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886258000.

EVALUATION

This building warrants listing on the National Register for its place in the history of pedagogy and 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
81. Shaw, Anna Howard, Junior High School <b>Substantive Review</b>	Keeper <u>Linda McClelland</u> Attest _____ 11/18/88
82. Sheridan, Philip H., School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
83. Smedley, Franklin, School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
84. Stanton, Edwin M., School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest <u>✓</u>
85. Sullivan, James J., School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
86. Sulzberger, Mayer, Junior High School <b>Substantive Review</b>	Keeper <u>Linda McClelland</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
87. Taylor, Bayard, School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
88. Thomas, George C., Junior High School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
89. <b>Vare, Edwin H., Junior High School</b> <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____
90. Vaux, Roberts, Junior High School <b>Entered in the National Register</b>	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/18/88 Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Vare, Edwin H., Junior High 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: 88002331

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 by: [unclear]  
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  
\_\_\_UTMs \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps \_\_\_USGS maps \_\_\_photographs \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Edwin H. Vare, Junior High School  
SEc 24th & Snyder  
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