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# Northgate Elementary School

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# Northgate Elementary School

## Landmark Nomination Report, December 2019

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Landmark Nomination Report provides information regarding the architectural design and historical significance of Northgate Elementary School, a mid-century modern-style school building addressed at 11725 First Avenue NE, in the Northgate/Haller Lake neighborhood of North Seattle. The school was designed by architect Paul Thiry and completed in 1956. The building was not documented on the Seattle Historic Resources Survey. The Johnson Partnership prepared this report at the request of Seattle Public Schools.

#### 1.1 Background

The City of Seattle's Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), through a 1995 agreement with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) and pursuant to SEPA authority, requires a review of "potentially eligible landmarks" for commercial projects over 4,000 square feet in area. Pursuant to the authorization in the Building Excellence V Capital Levy (BEX V), Seattle Public Schools wishes to demolish the building and construct a new school. Northgate Elementary School was selected to be replaced to ensure educational and racial equity, safety, physical condition, capacity, and educational adequacy. As any proposed alterations or demolition of the subject building described within this report will require a permit from SDCI, the owner is providing the following report to the staff of the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board (LPB) to resolve the property's status.

To be eligible for nomination as a City of Seattle Landmark, a building, object, or structure must be at least 25 years old, have significant character, interest, or value, the integrity or ability to convey its significance, and it must meet one or more of the following six criteria (SMC 25.12.350):

- A. It is the location of or is associated in a significant way with an historic event with a significant effect upon the community, city, state, or nation.
- B. It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the city, state, or nation.
- C. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, city, state, or nation.
- D. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, period, or method of construction.
- E. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder.
- F. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrast of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or city.

#### 1.2 Methodology

Ellen F. C. Mirro, AIA, Principal; Larry E. Johnson, AIA, Principal Emeritus; Katherine Jaeger, MFA; and Audrey N. Reda of The Johnson Partnership, 1212 NE 65th Street, Seattle, completed research on this report between March and August 2019. The report was revised in August 2019 per comments from Seattle Public Schools representatives. Research was undertaken at the Seattle Public Schools District Archives, Puget Sound Regional Archives, SDCI, Seattle Public Library, Museum of History and Industry, and the UW Special Collections Library. Research also included review of Internet resources, including HistoryLink.com, and the *Seattle Times* digital archive. Special thanks to Meaghan Kahlo, Seattle Public Schools archivist for assistance with research. Buildings and site were inspected and photographed on April 4, 2019 to document the existing conditions. The report was edited by Seattle Public Schools Capital Projects & Planning Department staff and their agents.

## 2. PROPERTY DATA

**Historic Building Names:** Northgate School

**Current Building Name:** Northgate Elementary School

**Address:** 11725 First Avenue NE

**Location:** Northgate/Haller Lake

**Assessor's File Number:** 641160-0312

**Legal Description:**

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**Date of Construction:** 1956

**Original/Present Use:** School

**Original/Present Owner:** Seattle Public School District

**Original Designer:** Paul Thiry, architect, and Donald G. Radcliffe, PE engineer

**Original Builder:** Carl G. Anderson

**Zoning:** SF5000

**Property Size:** 216,057 sq. ft.

**Building Size:** 36,975 sq. ft.



### 3. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 Location & Neighborhood Character

The subject building is located in the portion of the Northgate neighborhood identified by the Seattle City Clerk as Haller Lake. The greater Northgate area comprises four neighborhoods, centered around the intersection of Interstate 5 and Northgate Way: Haller Lake (located northwest of center), Pinehurst (northeast), Maple Leaf (southeast), and North College Park (southwest). Northgate Mall is located approximately three blocks south-southeast of the subject building. The subject building is located approximately two blocks south of Northacres Park, two blocks southeast of Haller Lake, two blocks east of Northwest Hospital & Medical Center, two blocks northeast of the eastern edge of Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, and approximately five blocks southwest of the southern edge of Thornton Creek Park and Jackson Park. Interstate 5 passes less than a half-block from the school. *liq'təd* (Licton) Springs Park is located approximately 1.5 miles to the south, and the lake of Haller Lake less than a half mile to the north.

The subject building is located on the northwestern corner of First Avenue NE and N 117<sup>th</sup> Street. The neighborhood immediately surrounding the school is almost entirely single-family residences, although two churches are located across First Ave NE from the subject site. Designated City of Seattle Landmarks in the Northgate neighborhood include portions of Ingraham High School (1819 N 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson, 1959), Woodrow Wilson Middle School<sup>1</sup> (1330 N 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Mallis, DeHart & Hopkins, 1952), the Chiarelli-Dore House (843 NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street, James J. Chiarelli, 1949), the Lake City Library (12501 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 1965, John Morse & Associates), Lake City School (2611 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 1931, now Lake City Professional Center), and *liq'təd* (Licton) Springs Park (9536 Ashworth Avenue N, City of Seattle Landmark). ***See figures 1-9.***

#### 3.2 Site

##### 3.2.1 Site Description

The irregular subject site is shaped like an inverted “L,” and spreads over approximately three quarters of a residential block.

Northgate Elementary School is located on the southeastern side of a 4.96-acre parcel. Adjoining the subject site is an additional 0.81-acre parcel owned by Seattle Public Schools and used by Northgate Elementary as extension of the upper playfield. The school site slopes from NE 120<sup>th</sup> Street towards N 117<sup>th</sup> Street, from a level grass playfield to a leveled building pad, with a change in grade of approximately 30'-0". The northern and western edges of the site are planted with mature trees, with street parking available on the northern edge along NE 120<sup>th</sup> Street. The southern edge of the western half is landscaped with mature trees and shrubs, screening the school from the adjacent single-family residences. The southern edge of the site along N 117<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Woodrow Wilson Junior High School building was landmarked in 2014. No controls were imposed and the building has since been demolished, except for the murals by Andrew Morrison commemorating the Indian Heritage Program, which was located at the school between 1989 and 2012.

Street has a paved area for bus loading and unloading. The main entrance to the school is from the east, with a wide concrete stairway and ramp descending from the First Avenue NE pedestrian sidewalk and a paved driveway descending to a small parking court. North of the main entrance along First Avenue NE is a parking lot level with NE 120<sup>th</sup> Street. On the building floor level is a playcourt embedded into the slope and bounded on the north, west, and east by concrete retaining walls. Five portable buildings are located on the site. One portable is located south of the building, along N 117<sup>th</sup> street. Four portables are located to the north of the building, with the enclosed playcourt. *See figures 10-19.*

### 3.2.2 Documented Site Alterations

Originally the site was unused land in a plat registered as Orr Park.

A 1953 survey for Seattle Public Schools by American Engineering Co. shows the subject site as two empty lots. The northern side of lot 3 was terraced near N 120<sup>th</sup> Street, with an approximate 2:1 slope down to N 117<sup>th</sup> Street.

In 1953, South Haller Lake School was located at the corner of (N)E 120<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue NE, on what is now the northernmost portion of the subject site. The school consisted of 14 portables. Eleven of the portables were used as classrooms, the others for office and lavatory space. A covered walkway ran between the two rows of buildings.<sup>2</sup> In 1954, three more portables were added to the site. A 1955 drainage map indicates there was an open pathway between the 17 portables located at the northern end of the site.

Between 1959 and 1960 the site expanded southward at the western side. A land survey by Ernest Showalter from March 1959 shows the additional land contained a frame house, garage, a concrete foundation, and various plantings of unknown size and age. These structures were removed sometime after 1959. The survey also shows that the 1955 pathway between the portables had been expanded and paved with asphalt. There was also a small, six-car parking area north of the eastern classroom wing.

Documents and photographic evidence from 1960 indicate the removal of the southern concrete fence of the enclosed play area and its replacement with a 6'-0" chain link fence. During the same time, portions of the concrete fence surrounding the kindergarten play area were removed and replaced with a 4'-0" chain link fence.

In 1961 a permit was issued to construct retaining walls and a fence to develop the playfield to the north. This included not only the asphalt paving of the outside playcourt, but also a much larger parking area that extended from north of the eastern classroom wing to N 120<sup>th</sup> Street. That same year, two portable classrooms were added to the site. This made a total of three portable classrooms at Northgate.

On March 25, 1966, 25 Norway maple trees were planted around the upper playfield, a gift from Mrs. Nancy Hicks in memory of her mother, Mrs. Meagher.<sup>3</sup>

A 1976 document indicates the asphalt-paved play area north of the school contained two softball fields, tetherball poles, and an oil tank. The present-day playfield on the northern end of the site was then a dirt field.

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<sup>2</sup> Joseph E West, "Northgate School History," Seattle Public Schools Archives, June 20, 1973.

<sup>3</sup> Although Norway Maples are not identified on the King County Noxious Weed List (<https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/laws/list.aspx>), they are considered to have invasive traits that enable them to spread aggressively. <https://www.invasive.org/alien/pubs/midatlantic/acpl.htm> (accessed August 2019)

A record drawing from 2002 shows a four-car parking area east of the administrative office. This drawing also shows the location of a single portable classroom south of the western classroom wing, as it exists today.

As of spring 2019, it appears that all but one of the original portables have been demolished or relocated from the site at the southern end. There are five additional, more recently constructed portable classrooms located north of the school building in the paved play area.

#### Recorded Permits & SPS records:

Date	Description	Designer	Permit #
1953	14 portables for classrooms, restrooms, admin		
1955	Install and maintain one 4000 gal. oil storage tank and one 294 gal. diesel oil storage tank		435973
	Removal of existing structures.		
1961	Cons. Ret. walls & fence, develop playfield		BN5862
1961	Locate 2 portable classrooms		BN7821
1966	Planting of 25 Norway maples in playfield		
	small parking lot near admin office		
	Relocation of portable to south		

### 3.3 Northgate Elementary School Building

#### 3.3.1 Building Structure & Exterior Features

***Note: See Drawings in Appendix 2 to this document.***

The building has a “U”-shaped plan, divided along a central north-south line into eastern and western wings. The gymnasium is located in the northern end of the western wing, the auditorium/lunchroom is located in the northern end of the eastern wing, and the classrooms stretch to the south, enclosing a central courtyard. A gable-form roof runs east-west over the auditorium, covered playcourt, gymnasium, and connecting single-loaded corridor, where the school’s main restrooms are located, connecting the two wings. Each classroom wing has a gable roof running north-south. The library is located in the eastern classroom wing. An open play area with concrete paving is set between the two classroom wings in the southern portion of the building.

The eastern classroom wing measures approximately 266'-2" wide north-south and 77'-0" east-west. The western classroom wing measures approximately 122'-2" north-south and 77'-0" east-west. The northern side of the building, from the eastern wall of the auditorium/lunchroom to the western wall of the gymnasium, measures approximately 253'-0" inches east-west. The covered play area measures approximately 88'-0" east-west by approximately 41'-0" north-south. The highest portion of the building—the ridge of the gymnasium and covered play area—is approximately 28 feet from grade; the highest section of the classroom wing is approximately 12'-3" from grade.

The building’s structure is primarily precast reinforced concrete, with precast concrete beams

and bents,<sup>4</sup> with precast concrete walls. Bays on each of the façades vary in size. Some interior walls are framed partitions. Foundations and floor slabs are cast-in-place concrete. A portion of the glazing systems are original, and some retain the original single-pane lights, while others have been replaced with plexi-glass. The windows at the eastern side of the western classroom wing appear to have been replaced with new double-paned aluminum windows and clerestories. ***See Drawings S9-S11.***

The classroom wings consist of a series of reinforced concrete cantilevered bents spanning east-west and spaced at intervals of either 11'-0" on center or 10'-8" on center. Each bent system comprises two pairs of bents with pin connectors at the roof crowns. Precast concrete panels span north-south between the bents, with either a smooth or pebble finish. ***See Drawings S1-S2 and S16.***

The auditorium/lunchroom is a series of paired precast concrete cantilevered bents connected with pin hinges spanning north-south and spaced 12'-0" on-center in four bays, 9'-6" in two bays. The bents are of varying heights, ascending from the lowest point where the auditorium connects to the classroom wing, increasing in height in each bay until the auditorium/lunchroom space connects to the gymnasium. Precast concrete panels span east-west between the bents. ***See Drawings S1 and S16.***

The gymnasium and covered playcourt are constructed of a series of paired precast concrete cantilevered bents connected with pin hinges spanning east-west placed 11'-0" on center. Precast concrete panels span north-south between the bents. ***See Drawings S2 and S16.***

The classroom wings have a pair of long low-slope (1.25/12) gable roofs, creating a long north-south valley centered on the connecting corridor wall. The gymnasium, covered play area, and auditorium/lunchroom have a two-story-high roof with a mid-slope (3/12) gable roof, with an east-west ridge centered over the gymnasium and covered play area. The southern roof plane of the gymnasium continues eastward over the auditorium/lunchroom. This southern roof plane joins and forms a continuous line with the eastern classroom wing's western valley roof plane, and the western classroom wing's eastern valley roof plane. All roofs over interior spaces have 1.5 inches of rigid insulation over the pre-stressed concrete panels, and all roofs are covered with built-up roofing with crushed mineral surface. Roof overhangs are approximately 4'-6", with metal gutters clipped to the precast concrete roof panel edges. ***See Drawings A6, A9, S-16.***

The eastern classroom wing's eastern façade includes the main entry, recessed westward from the office area to the south. The entry consists of a pair of flush-panel doors flanked by double sidelights and with a slanted, horizontal upper transom light. The entry area has a projecting covered roof cantilevered eastward from the office area. The entry wall returns southward on its eastern side with precast concrete panels and a pebble finish. The bay to the west of the entry is a lower stem wall of precast concrete panels with a pebble finish and has a 10-light aluminum-sash window with a 1/3 grid pattern. The lower outer lights have operable awning windows. This bay pattern is repeated for another ten bays, extending southward on the remainder of the façade, spanning between the exposed concrete bent columns. At the southern end of the eastern façade is an enclosed, elevated kindergarten play area. A recessed entry cove holds two single flush-panel doors separated by a precast concrete panel. The eastern exterior wall of the kindergarten classroom has a different configuration, with a large glazed projecting rectangular window bay. The aluminum-sash window becomes a 1/2/1 grid pattern, with a total of 54 lights

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<sup>4</sup> A bent is a transverse rigid framework or similar three-hinged arch (as in a bridge or in timber framing) to carry lateral and vertical loads.

on either side of the recessed alcove. The lower outer lights have operable awning windows. ***See Drawing A6. See figures 20-27.***

The eastern classroom wing's southern façade has a line of cast-in-place pilasters framing seven bays, and has a recessed entrance that is level with the eastern façade. The alcove is formed by two sets of double bents joined and centered at the roof ridge. The double flush-panel doors are flanked by sidelights and a large, six-light transom above. A wide concrete stair leads up from N 117<sup>th</sup> Street and is surrounded on both sides by dense landscaping on the slope. The alcove is clad in precast concrete panels with pebble surface. The remaining six bays of the southern façade are unadorned precast concrete panels spanning between the embedded concrete columns. The wide overhanging soffit is made up of precast concrete panels. ***See Drawings A2, A6. See figures 28-29.***

The eastern classroom wing's western façade is a long wall of spaced, exposed, concrete bent columns that frame 18 bays with lower stem walls of precast concrete panels with ten-light aluminum-sash windows above. The lower outer lights have operable awning windows. ***See Drawing A6. See figure 30.***

The connecting corridor's southern façade consists of eight bays similar to those on the eastern classroom wing's western façade. This wall also has two sets of flush-panel double doors, placed in the third and sixth bays, and fit within the fenestration pattern to include sidelights and a horizontal transom above. The doors lead to an enclosed, asphalt play area, surrounded on the east and west by tall accordion concrete walls, and a chain-link fence to the south. ***See Drawing A8. See figure 31-34.***

The western classroom wing's eastern façade also matches the eastern classroom wing's western façade, but is shorter, with only 12 bays. ***See Drawing A7. See figure 35.***

The western classroom wing's southern façade is similar to the eastern classroom wing's southern façade, having a line of cast-in-place pilasters framing seven bays and an entry. However, the entrance is flush with the façade and is on grade. ***See Drawing A6. See figure 36.***

The western classroom wing's western façade is similar to the eastern classroom wing's western façade until reaching the exterior wall of the connecting corridor and gymnasium. A recessed entry alcove appears at this location, with double flush-panel doors flanked by two sidelights and a large, six-light transom above, mirroring the main entrance on the opposite side of the corridor. North of the connecting corridor, a line of cast-in-place, two-story pilasters create six wide bays of unadorned precast concrete panels, with a large grill vent located in the southernmost bay beneath the roofline. ***See Drawing A6. See figures 37-38.***

The northern façade of the building stretches from the northern end of the eastern classroom wing (auditorium) to the northern end of the western classroom wing (gymnasium). The central portion of the façade includes the fencing of the exterior covered playcourt.

The northern façade of the western classroom wing consists of seven two-story bays framed by exposed concrete bent columns. This façade is the exterior wall of the gymnasium. Each bay is clad in precast concrete panels with pebble finish, and has ten-light wire glass windows in a 1/3 grid pattern. ***See Drawing A8. See figures 39-42.***

The northern façade of the covered playcourt has a line of concrete bent columns framing eight bays completely filled by chain-link fencing. Beyond each exterior-facing bent are double concrete bent columns. The eastern and western façades of the covered playcourt are unadorned precast concrete panels spanning the exposed concrete bent columns. The bents join together at

the exposed concrete ceiling beneath the roof ridge, forming a large space for a covered playcourt. The covered playcourt's southern façade is the exterior wall of the school's restrooms and connecting corridor. There are four entry bays along this façade, each with a set of flush-panel double doors. Two double doors lead to the main corridor. Two doors lead from the exterior walls of the school restrooms. The center six bays have precast panels and an aluminum-sash, 20-light window of obscure wire glass set above the height of the door headers to provide natural light to the interior restrooms. A concrete wall is centered on this façade and offset from the wall by several feet, creating a long storage space. ***See Drawings A8. See figures 43-46.***

The auditorium/lunchroom and kitchen connect to the northern end of the eastern classroom wing. Exposed concrete bent columns frame eight bays of the northern façade of the auditorium/lunchroom. There are several service entry doorways: three single flush-panel doors, and a double flush-panel door accessing the kitchen area from the northern playcourt. A large horizontal louvered vent is mounted near the roofline in the central bay and provides venting for the kitchen. The cladding is precast concrete panels with pebble finish. ***See Drawings A8. See figure 47.***

### 3.3.2 Plan & Interior Features

***Note: See Drawings in Appendix 2 to this document.***

The building has a "U"-shaped plan, with classroom wings running north-south on the eastern and western sides. The eastern classroom wing has a double-loaded corridor with six classrooms, the library (originally two classrooms), the kindergarten rooms, the school's administrative area, and, at the northern end, the auditorium/lunchroom, kitchen, boiler room, and storage. The western classroom wing has a double-loaded corridor with eight classrooms and, at the northern end, the gymnasium, book room, and storage. The east-west connecting corridor is single-loaded to the north, contains the boys' and girls' toilets, with exits to the open play area to the south, and the covered playcourt to the north. Interior finishes are simple, with vinyl-asbestos tile flooring, concrete or plaster walls, and acoustical tile ceilings with flush-mounted fluorescent lighting. All doors are flush panel birch or maple veneer. Original hydronic wall-mounted radiators are installed under the windows in all classrooms. Radiator supply pipes are surface mounted to the walls, and insulated. ***See Drawing A5. See figures 48-55.***

The eastern classroom wing corridor is approximately 13'-0" wide and has a retractable folding gate at the end of the hall, set between the administrative offices and the library. The kindergarten rooms are located at its southern end, followed by two identical classrooms running northward. Beyond the classrooms, near the main entry, is the school's administrative section with a nurse's station, public waiting area, principal's office, conference and teachers' lunch room, two water closets, a clerk's room, and a book room. Opposite the kindergarten rooms on the western side are four identical classrooms running from the southernmost end northward. The library is located directly across the corridor from the school's administrative area. At the northern end of the eastern classroom wing are the auditorium/lunchroom, kitchen, boiler room, custodian's room, and storage. A heavy wooden pocket door is located at the junction between the eastern wing and the connecting corridor, just before the restrooms. ***See Drawings A2 and A3.***

All classrooms are identical in size, measuring approximately 32'-0" east-west and 30'-0" north-south, for a total area of approximately 960 square feet each. Each classroom has built-in shelving and a counter with a sink on the entry side, opposite the ceiling-height, glazed exterior

wall. Common walls between classrooms are staggered stud-framed walls. Plumbing supply pipes are surface mounted to the walls and insulated. The kindergarten classrooms are slightly larger, featuring a window bay with seating and two small toilets. The current library is the size of two combined classroom spaces, approximately 32'-0" east-west by 60'-0" north-south. The library was not included in the original design. The corridor is lined with what appear to be the original lockers. ***See Drawings A2-A3, and A-18. See figures 51, 56-57.***

The auditorium/lunchroom measures approximately 66'-0" east-west and 43'-0" north-south, with a platform on the western side measuring approximately 22'-0" east-west and 43'-0" north-south. The far northern side has chair and table storage at its eastern end, a central kitchen, and a boiler room and custodian room on its western end, all measuring 88'-0" east-west and 24'-0" north-south. ***See Drawings A1 and A3. See figures 58-60.***

The east-west connecting corridor is 16'-0" wide. The southern side of the corridor exits onto the outdoor play area, while the northern side contains the boys' and girls' toilets, which measure approximately 30'-0" east-west and 26'-0" north-south. Both boys' and girls' toilets are two-story spaces. Portions of the upper windows retain the original wire glass, while others, including the north-facing, exterior windows, have been replaced. Doors east of the girls' toilet and west of the boys' toilet open onto short, 11'-0" corridors leading to the covered playcourt. ***See Drawings A2, A3-A4. See figures 61-63.***

The western classroom wing is similar to the eastern classroom wing, with double-loaded corridors off a 13'-0" wide hallway, containing four classrooms on either side. This wing also has a folding gate and heavy, wooden pocket door, located similarly to those in the eastern classroom wing. At the northern end of the western classroom wing are the gymnasium, custodian storage, a book room, instructors' room, and individual restrooms. ***See Drawing A2 and A4.***

All eight classrooms measure approximately 32'-0" east-west and 33'-0" north-south and are arranged similarly to those in the eastern classroom wing. ***See Drawing A4.***

The gymnasium measures approximately 77'-0" east-west and 48'-0" north-south with an approximately 17'-0" high ceiling, with the highest point reaching approximately 23'-0". The floor is maple strip, the walls precast concrete, and the ceiling has acoustical tiles. Large halide lighting fixtures are suspended from the ceiling. The gymnasium has doorways located at its northeastern and northwestern corners, each with a pair of flush doors. ***See Drawing A4. See figures 64-65.***

### **3.3.3 Documented Building Alterations**

Construction of the subject building, Northgate Elementary School, was initiated in 1955 and completed in 1956. In the ensuing decades, only permits for minor changes to the site and the building interior are on record.

Documentation from 1956 documents the conversion of the "nearest classroom to the administration office" into a centralized library. In 1969 the library was expanded to a second room. By 1973 the library was known as the Library Resource Center.

In 1988, drawings indicate that the roof was replaced with a new system. This work also replaced areas with severe dry rot, re-caulked gutter expansion joints, and straightened or replaced severely damaged gutter segments.

The first record drawings to show the library in its current size and location appear in the district

archives in 2002, even though there is documentation to illustrate the library was formed from two classrooms in the eastern wing as early as 1969. The 2002 drawings appear as part of the set belonging to the Seattle Public Schools Accelerated Technology Improvement Program. The next-earliest set of record drawings are from 1992, and show the library as occupying two separate classrooms. Another renovation of the library occurred sometime after 2007, and is not documented in the building plans.

In 2011, documented bids for additional renovations included the following: a wheelchair lift to the cafeteria stage, new stage curtains, ADA modifications to the restrooms in administrative area, demolition and removal of aluminum frames and glazing and install new double-paned aluminum windows and clerestories, replacement of flooring with vinyl composition tile (VCT) in the corridors, four new walk-off mats, replacement of corridor-end windows and doors, addition of a wire mesh art installation at corridor, electrical modifications in the library and mold removal, providing a new circulation desk in the library, replacing parts of original casement with new storage casement as required, and various mechanical work. Although these plans are on file, the majority of the windows have not been replaced, and not all of the additions proposed were completed.

In 2014, plans indicate the removal of the existing wall finishes and the drinking fountains from the connecting corridor.

#### Recorded Permits & SPS records:

Date	Description	Designer	Contractor	Permit #
1955	Build school. <i>See figure 66.</i>	Paul Thiry	Carl G. Anderson	436099
1956	Conversion of classroom to centralized library			
8/3/66	Relocate port. unit from above (11725 First NE) to 1300 NW 75th			BN25851
1968/1969	Expansion of library to second room			
2/27/73	Auto Control Only			B34823
6/18/76	1 pilot light panel & 1 single pole 20A switch			554740
8/12/77	Inst automatic monitoring of Boiler by C.M.S.			B41554
6/20/80	Modify 2 toilet rooms for handicapped in school building			590422
6/30/80	Extend circuit to accommodate visual alarm fixtures only.			594566
2/27/84	Est/chng use to day care center			610860
12/27/85	24 Ov amp elect kiln in main storage room.			637402
5/22/87	Install wiring in school			649585
6/5/87	Fire alarm			649952
7/29/87	Add on			649952
6/7/89	Wire as per S.E.C. & the approved			669284



	plans.			
8/21/89	Power flame burner (Northgate Elementary)			B62635
10/18/89	Broiler			B63065
10/5/94	ADA Modifications to Boys' and Girls' restrooms			

## 4. Significance

### 4.1 Historic Neighborhood Context: Northgate & Haller Lake<sup>5</sup>

The Seattle City Clerk's office defines the Haller Lake neighborhood as the area between N 145<sup>th</sup> Street and N Northgate Way from north to south, and from Aurora Avenue N to Interstate 5 from west to east. Because the development of Haller Lake took place in concert with the Bitter Lake, Pinehurst, and Northgate neighborhoods, this survey draws on historical information from all these areas.

The first people to inhabit these areas were the members of the Duwamish tribe, which included the *bab-choo-AHBSH* or "People of the Large Lake." During the period of native inhabitation, the use of the area surrounding the subject site was seasonal or migratory, with the major village located to the south at the entry to Union Bay called *hehs-KWEE-kweel* where the Duwamish Chief, Cheslahud, lived.<sup>6</sup> Haller Lake and *liq'tad* (Licton) Springs were important spiritual and medicinal sites; they are the surviving wetland features of a larger marshland of springs called *Slo'q`qed* or "bald head" by the Duwamish due to the absence of evergreen trees. The area was cultivated with periodic controlled burns to improve harvests.<sup>7</sup>

*liq'tad* (Licton) Springs was the site of ceremonial practices associated with the gathering of red iron oxide pigment. Historically, a sweat lodge was located near the springs, and the site has long been considered a sacred site by the Duwamish people.<sup>8</sup> The Salish word *liq'tad* means "red paint," and the red iron oxide of the spring was used as face paint, for decorative paint, for spiritual and healing practices, and it was traded by the Duwamish. The spring water was used medicinally.

The first white settler in the area was an Englishman named John Welch, who filed a homestead application for 160 acres in April of 1869, and lived on his claim from 1870 onwards. Early records occasionally list the fifteen-acre lake at the center of his property as Welch Lake. In 1905, real estate developer Theodore N. Haller purchased the land from Welch and platted lots around the lake. Haller was the son of the late Colonel Granville Haller, a storied figure who had served as an officer in the Indian Wars, prospected in the Yukon Gold Rush, and amassed land throughout Seattle and neighboring counties and on Whidbey Island. The Haller family had a large home on Seattle's First Hill and the Haller Building downtown, on the northwestern corner of Columbia Street and Second Avenue. **See figures 67-68.**

In 1879 David Denny purchased 160 acres just south of Haller Lake, including *liq'tad* (Licton) Springs, from the U.S. government for \$1.25 an acre. Denny built a summer cabin, and the Denny family used the property as a wilderness retreat. David's brother Arthur Denny purchased 400 acres to the west in the same year. *liq'tad* (Licton) Springs would eventually become known to whites as a place of healthful, healing waters, having been usurped from Native traditional practices. **See figures 69-70.**

Other early settlers in the area included the D. M. Little family, who were instrumental in logging much of the area and had a sawmill on Victory Creek near the future location of the

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<sup>5</sup> This text is excerpted from the Landmark Nomination Report for Ingraham High School, the Johnson Partnership, 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Duwamish Tribe, "Cheslahud and Family on Lake Union, Circa 1885," <http://www.duwamishtribe.org/lakejohn.html>, accessed May 10, 2012.

<sup>7</sup> Mimi Sheridan & Carol Tobin, ed. David Wilma, "Seattle Neighborhoods: Licton Springs—Thumbnail History," HistoryLink.org essay 3447, July 17, 2001, <https://historylink.org/File/3447> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>8</sup> City of Seattle Landmark Nomination for *liq'tad* (Licton) Springs Park, submitted by Matt Remle, June 2019, pp. 8-9.

Pinehurst School. Farther southwest, George F. Meyfarth owned and developed a large farm at Oak Lake in the area north of *liq'tad* (Licton) Springs, and Abbie and Edward Lindsley had a homestead between Oak Lake and Haller Lake. The area's first school, the Oak Lake School, was located in that general area, near N 100<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the North Trunk road (now Aurora Avenue N).<sup>9</sup>

The wagon road between Seattle and Bothell, eventually developing as the paved Pacific Highway, allowed for development of the upland areas of what would become Maple Leaf, Victory Heights, Pinehurst, Lake City, Cedar Park, and other neighborhoods along the road. In the early 1900s, this road meandered between what is now 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, running through a logged-off landscape of small truck farms, berry farms, and orchards. The community's name derives from a 1926 plat by W. G. Hartranft and tract development named the "Pinehurst Addition."<sup>10</sup>

By 1905 the Everett & Interurban Railway Company had established fourteen lines of track, running from Ballard to Lake Ballinger/Hall's Lake in Lynnwood, with Hammond cars connecting the line to Everett.<sup>11</sup> However, the land was not quick to be urbanized, retaining its large lot sizes and considerable farmland until well into the twentieth century.<sup>12</sup>

After 1918, Clare (or Clara) E. Huntoon<sup>13</sup> (ca. 1861- ca. 1938) arrived in Seattle and purchased a large tract of land (nearly 200 acres) in the area. She never platted the land, but her acreage was the site of many important sites in the neighborhood, including the subject building, Ingraham High School, Northwest Hospital, and the former Playland amusement park at Bitter Lake (located north-northwest of Haller Lake) that operated from 1930 to 1961. ***See figure 71.***

By 1923, Haller Lake was populous enough that the area needed its own public school. Land had been set aside thirty years before and then leased until there was enough money to build a school and enough students to fill it. The Haller Lake School opened in 1924 as the third school in the Oak Lake School District. The Shoreline School District acquired the Oak Lake School District in 1943. Haller Lake School was incorporated into Seattle Public School District in 1954, but closed in 1978, due to declining enrollment throughout the district. ***For more information on the Oak Lake and Shoreline school districts, see section 4.2.***

In 1927, the City of Seattle purchased approximately 150 acres west of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and south of NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street to build the Jackson Park Municipal Golf Course.<sup>14</sup> Several riding academies and polo grounds were located along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, including the Olympic Riding and Driving Club where in 1935 humorist Will Rogers played a game of polo just prior to his flight with Wiley Post which crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska, killing both men. ***See figure 72.***

Possibly because of these leisure facilities, and the development of the stylish Highlands residential community to the west overlooking Puget Sound, the private Lakeside School

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<sup>9</sup> Vicki Stiles, Director of Shoreline Historical Museum, e-mail correspondence with Larry E. Johnson, December 26, 2012.

<sup>10</sup> Donald N. Sherwood, "Pinehurst Playground," Seattle Parks Department, <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/history/PinehurstPG.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> Leslie Blanchard, *The Street Railway Era in Seattle: A Chronicle of Six Decades* (Forty Fort, PA: Harold E. Cox, 1968), pp. 48-53.

<sup>12</sup> Louis Fiset, "Seattle Neighborhoods: Haller Lake—Thumbnail History," HistoryLink.org essay 3455, July 22, 2001, [http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file\\_id=3455](http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=3455).

<sup>13</sup> United States Federal Census, 1930, Ancestry.com

<sup>14</sup> Donald N. Sherwood, "Jackson Park," Seattle Parks Department, <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/history/JacksonPk.pdf>, accessed December 20, 2012.

relocated from Seattle to a large parcel just west of Jackson Park in 1930.<sup>15</sup> The school had been founded in 1914 on Bainbridge Island as the Moran Boys' School. In 1919 the school opened an extension in the Denny-Blaine neighborhood on the shore of Lake Washington. In 1924 the school moved to Madison Park, to the building that now houses the Bush School. By 1929 plans were made to create a new campus of buildings to the north of Seattle, at N 145<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue NE. The campus was designed by Carl S. Gould of the firm Bebb & Gould, and opened on September 4, 1930, with 100 male students.<sup>16</sup> In 1965 the school began integrating African American students; in 1971 Lakeside merged with St. Nicholas School, a private girls' school on Capitol Hill, thus making the school co-educational. In 1980, Lakeside purchased the former Haller Lake School, located approximately three blocks south of the main high school, to create Lakeside Middle School. The original Haller Lake School building was torn down in 1999 to make way for a new Lakeside Middle School.

Many of the plats in the Haller Lake neighborhood included racial restrictive covenants prohibiting races besides whites or "Caucasians" to own or reside on the land. These restricted plats included: Golfcrest (platted in 1929), North Seattle Heights Divisions 1 & 2 (1929), Huntoon's Haller Lake (1940), and Overlake Park (1946).<sup>17</sup> Despite the fact that the Supreme Court ruled that racial restrictive covenants were unenforceable in the 1948 *Shelley vs. Kramer* case, these covenants retained a powerful influence on the racial demographic of the north Seattle's neighborhoods.<sup>18</sup> In the 1950 and 1960 censuses, less than 1% of the population of most north Seattle neighborhood census tracts were recorded as other than white.<sup>19</sup>

The Civil Rights act of 1964 led to the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which expressly prohibited housing discrimination. By the 1970 census, percentages of non-white inhabitants of North Seattle neighborhoods were increasing, but only incrementally. However, forty years later, by the 2010 census, the nonwhite population of the upper mid-northern neighborhoods such as Haller Lake, Pinehurst and Olympic Hills had increased dramatically to between 33 and 39 percent, while the population density remained lower than the median of the city as a whole. Meanwhile, the neighborhoods nearer Lake Washington (i.e. Matthews Beach, Cedar Park) and Puget Sound (i.e. Broadview, North Beach) retain a higher white population density.<sup>20</sup>

Post-World War II development brought suburban tract home development to north Seattle, and a large influx of families. On April 21, 1950, Allied Stores and the Simon Property Group opened the Northgate Center at the intersection of First Avenue NE and NE 110<sup>th</sup> Street, one of the United States' first shopping malls, which radically changed the retail shopping dynamics of the area. Northgate Mall opened on sixty-two acres between First and Fifth Avenues NE.<sup>21</sup> The shopping center, designed by John Graham, Jr., had space for eighty shops, including a three-story, \$3 million building that housed the Bon Marche. The mall was a success from its

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<sup>15</sup> Lakeside School, "About us: Archives: School History," <http://www.lakesideschool.org/podium/default.aspx?t=122170>, accessed December 20, 2012.

<sup>16</sup> Mary T. Henry, "Lakeside School (Seattle)," HistoryLink.org essay 10621, September 19, 2001, [http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file\\_id=10621](http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=10621) (accessed June 23, 2016).

<sup>17</sup> Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project, "Racial Restrictive Covenants," University of Washington, <https://depts.washington.edu/civilr/covenants.htm> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>18</sup> Boston Fair Housing, "1948-1968: Unenforceable Restrictive Covenants," <https://www.bostonfairhousing.org/timeline/1948-1968-Unenforceable-Restrictive-Covenants.html> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>19</sup> Anna Yoon, et. al., "Interactive Map of Race Seattle/King County 1940-2010," Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project, <http://depts.washington.edu/labhist/maps-race-seattle.shtml> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> David Wilma, "Northgate Shopping Mall (Seattle) opens on April 21, 1950," HistoryLink.org essay 3186, August 2, 2001, [http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file\\_id=3186](http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=3186), (accessed July 2016).

opening.<sup>22</sup> ***See figures 73-74.***

The general Lake City area was annexed into the city of Seattle in 1953, after a three-year process resulting in the Washington State Supreme Court overturning the voter-approved annexation of 1951. In 1952, the Pinehurst Community Club reversed its previous position and supported annexation of the area, citing lower tax assessments, water rates, added fire protection and lower insurance rates.<sup>23</sup> The area between First Avenue NE and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, and from NE 115<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, voted to approve annexation in January 1953, one of several north end communities to merge into the City of Seattle at that time.<sup>24</sup> The north end annexations increased Seattle's population by approximately 18,000 people. A large portion of the controversy surrounding the annexation focused on the school district, and whether the existing Shoreline School District would be merged into the Seattle School District, or kept separate, particularly as the annexation affected Jane Addams Junior High School, where approximately half the student population still lived in the Shoreline School District service area.<sup>25</sup> The transition period took longer than initially anticipated, with several years passing before transportation and utility services were brought up to Seattle standards. The Shoreline School District continued to provide school bus service to the area until the end of the 1957 school year.<sup>26</sup>

On January 4, 1954, the city of Seattle annexed ten square miles north of N 85<sup>th</sup> street and south of N 145<sup>th</sup> street, spanning from Puget Sound to Lake Washington. This annexation made Seattle the seventeenth-biggest city in the nation.<sup>27</sup> The annexation already included schools such as the nearby Pinehurst Elementary (1950, Mallis & DeHart). Schools built in the area after annexation included Northgate Elementary (1956, Paul Thiry) and Broadview-Thompson Elementary (1960, Waldron & Dietz).<sup>28</sup>

The Northwest Hospital campus is located between N 115<sup>th</sup> and N 120<sup>th</sup> Streets, two blocks west of the subject building. The idea for the hospital was conceived in the late 1940s, however, due to difficulties in securing federal funds, procuring matching funds, and finding private donors, the hospital was not completed until 1960.<sup>29</sup> The hospital was dedicated on September 16, 1960, and opened on September 22 of that year with 113 beds.<sup>30</sup> The first baby delivered at the hospital was born the following day.<sup>31</sup>

The section of Interstate 5 from Seattle to Everett was opened for traffic in February of 1965, effectively demarcating Haller Lake's eastern boundary. The interstate was a boon to Northgate Mall, which expanded that same year by twenty-five stores, thus doubling the size of the shopping center.<sup>32</sup> ***See figure 75.***

Today the 1.67-square mile neighborhood of Haller Lake is mostly residential, with a population of about 9,036, and a lower than city average population density. Haller Lake's population is

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<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> *Seattle Times*, "For a More Healthy Growth," May 6, 1952, p. 6.

<sup>24</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Sound Leadership," November 23, 1952, p. 6.

<sup>25</sup> Dianne Brooks, "Loggers to latte stands: Route spans history," *Seattle Times*, May 24, 2006, p. 10. *Seattle Times*, "Langlie Signs Bill on School Organization," March 5, 1953, p. 21.

<sup>26</sup> *Seattle Times*, "North End Parents Seek to Arrange School-Bus Service," April 30, 1957, p. 24.

<sup>27</sup> David Wilma, "Seattle Annexes the area north of N 85<sup>th</sup> Street to N 145<sup>th</sup> Street on January 4, 1954," HistoryLink.org essay 7514, October 12, 2005, [http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file\\_id=7514](http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=7514) (accessed June 2016).

<sup>28</sup> Thompson & Marr.

<sup>29</sup> Marjorie Jones, "Northwest Hospital Dedicated," *Seattle Times*, September 17, 1960.

<sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> UW Medicine Northwest Hospital & Medical Center.

<sup>32</sup> Wilma, "Northgate Shopping Mall (Seattle) opens on April 21, 1950."

made up of less than 50% white people, and more than 25% mixed race, with smaller percentages of Black, Asian, and Native populations. The median income of Haller Lake residents averages about \$24,000 less than the median income of the population of the city as a whole. 4% more residents of Haller Lake live in poverty relative to Seattle as a whole. Median home prices average \$130,000 less than the median home price in the city as a whole. Of the housing stock in the neighborhood, only around 7% was built earlier than 1939. The decades with the greatest amount of new construction were the 1950s (16% of currently existing homes built) and the 1980s with (18% of currently existing homes built).<sup>33</sup>

In 2012, Sound Transit initiated construction on the light rail station that will connect the area to downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport. Known as the Northgate Link extension, the station is expected to be complete and operating by 2021.<sup>34</sup> Northgate Mall has undergone significant changes in recent years. Macy's and Nordstrom, the mall's two "anchor" department stores, closed in rapid succession in 2019. The space is slated to be converted to a hockey rink for Seattle's NHL team, offices, residences, and a grocery store.<sup>35</sup>

Additional nearby sites of note include North Seattle College (formerly North Seattle Community College), Helene Madison Pool (located on Seattle Parks land adjacent to Ingraham High School), Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, Jackson Park Golf Course, Northwest Hospital, and Northacres Park. In 2019, *liq'təd* (Licton) Springs Park was declared a City of Seattle Landmark.

## 4.2 History of Public Schools in North Seattle

### Early History

Prior to 1944, the unincorporated areas north of Seattle's city limits, 85<sup>th</sup> Street, and south of the boundary between King and Snohomish counties, had several small separate school districts. Each corresponded to small discrete historic settlement areas including Richmond Beach (#86), Ronald (#179), Lake Forest Park (#181), Lake City (#180), Maple Leaf (#184), and Oak Lake (#51). None had enough students to justify the construction of a high school, so parents often sent their children to Seattle, Edmonds, or Bothell high schools.

### Oak Lake School District

Oak Lake School District No. 51 formed in 1885 when David T. Denny donated an acre of his land around the *liq'təd* (Licton) Springs area for a one-room school. The district served the entire area south of the Snohomish County line down to 85th Street and east-west between Lake Washington and the Puget Sound. The original 12' x 16' one-room schoolhouse was built by volunteer labor and opened in September 1886. There were ten pupils in the first year. A new Oak Lake School opened in 1914 on the same site as the earlier buildings. The buildings were demolished in 1985 when the site was developed into the Oak Tree Village shopping mall.<sup>36</sup> Other schools that were part of the Oak Lake School District included the East School (now the site of Olympic View Elementary), built in 1903 at Fifth Avenue NE and (N)E 95th Street to serve children in grades one through four living east of Meridian, and another one-room school

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<sup>33</sup> City Data, "Haller Lake neighborhood in Seattle, Washington (WA)," City-Data.com, <http://www.city-data.com/neighborhood/Haller-Lake-Seattle-WA.html>

<sup>34</sup> Sound Transit, "Northgate Station," <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/northgate-station> (accessed August 2019).

<sup>35</sup> Carolyn Adolph, "As NHL moves in, Seattle's Northgate mall is clearing out," KUOW, July 23, 2019, <https://www.kuow.org/stories/the-stores-in-the-middle-of-northgate-are-moving-out> (accessed August 2019).

<sup>36</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Oak Lake School," *Building for Learning*.

built at N 105<sup>th</sup> Street and Greenwood Avenue N for the first and second grades (now Viewlands Elementary). *See figures 76-77.*

### **Shoreline School District (No. 412)**

In April 1944, prior to the end of World War II, Richmond Beach (#86), Ronald (#179), Lake Forest Park (#181), Lake City (#180), Maple Leaf (#184), and Oak Lake (#51) districts officially consolidated into the Shoreline School District. Ray Howard, a veteran teacher, principal, and administrator, was hired as the district's first superintendent. Between 1949 and 1960 Howard oversaw the creation of a unified district and the construction of 15 new elementary schools, four middle schools, and one high school.<sup>37</sup>

Post-World War II prosperity led to rapid suburban development of the areas north of Seattle, augmented by the highway improvements that were completed along State Route 99 in the late 1920s and 1930s. New affordable tract houses filled in the previously autonomous communities. New schools were filled to capacity as soon as they opened. When the district's first new school, Ridgecrest, was opened in 1949, the district was forced to run double shifts (sessions) for the first and second grades. During the 1950s, between 400 and 1,460 new students were registered in the district per year. Because school operation funding was provided by Washington state based upon average daily attendance of the previous school year, as well being as based upon assessed valuation of improvements within the school district, funding lagged behind for fast-growing districts like Shoreline. Shoreline subsequently became the first school district in the state dependent upon special levies for its continued operation.<sup>38</sup>

Capital funding for new school construction during the 1950s was accomplished by federal funding with state matching funds. State policy restricted the cost of construction relative to size, affecting overall construction quality. The Shoreline School District constructed Cromwell Park Elementary in 1955 for a little over \$10.00 per square foot. Counting for inflation, in 2019 this would be \$95.74 per square foot, which is approximately one-quarter to one-fifth the standard construction rates for our time.<sup>39</sup> Despite the rush to deliver more classrooms and limited budget, the district's second school, Jane Addams, was considered innovative in its design and efficiency when it was completed in 1949.<sup>40</sup>

Beginning in 1951, residents in the area north of N 85<sup>th</sup> Street (the city limits at that time) and south of N 145<sup>th</sup> Street petitioned for annexation into Seattle. They felt the burden of new special school levies, and felt that there were advantages to Seattle's transportation services and police and fire protection. One small section after the other voted to approve annexation. The first area to approve annexation was the area directly around the newly constructed Pinehurst Primary School. By 1954, the entire area south of N 145<sup>th</sup> Street was annexed. As a result, ten schools either previously managed or built by the Shoreline School District were transferred to the Seattle School District in the 1954-1955 school year. Shoreline School District enrollment, which had grown from 4,150 (1944) to approximately 12,000 (June 1954) was reduced to 6,500 by September 1954.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Hawkins, Roberta ed. *Shore to Shore and Line to Line, A History of The Shoreline School District*. Shoreline, WA: Shoreline Historical Museum, 2007. pp. 17-24.

<sup>38</sup> Ibid., pp. 21-23.

<sup>39</sup> Per an email from Seattle public Schools project manager Eric Becker to Ellen Mirro on August 14, 2019, typical Seattle Public Schools construction costs in 2018 were between \$450 and \$500 per square foot for new construction.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid., pp. 21-23

<sup>41</sup> Ibid., p. 26.

**Shoreline Schools Transferred to the Seattle School District between 1953 and 1954<sup>42</sup>**

Year Built	School	Architect	Present Status
1914	Oak Lake Elementary	V.W. Voorhees	Demolished
1914	Broadview Elementary		Demolished
1924	Haller Lake Elementary		Demolished
1926	Maple Leaf Elementary	William Mallis	Sold
1931	Lake City Elementary	Mallis & DeHart	Leased
1949	Jane Addams Jr. High	Mallis & DeHart	Open, now Jane Addams Middle School
1950	Pinehurst Primary	Mallis & DeHart	Replaced in 2016 with Hazel Wolf K-8
1954	Olympic Hills Elementary	John Graham & Co.	Replaced 2017
1953	Woodrow Wilson Jr. High (Woodrow Wilson)	Mallis & DeHart	Replaced in 2017 with Cascadia Elementary, Licton Springs K-8 and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School
1954	Viewlands Elementary	Mallis & DeHart	Open

*See figures 78-86.*

**Present-Day North Seattle Public Schools**

As of 2019 Seattle Public School District has 19 schools operating in the areas between N 85<sup>th</sup> Street and the northern Seattle boundary line (N 145<sup>th</sup> Street). Of these only Viewlands Elementary (1954, Mallis & DeHart) and Jane Addams (1949, Mallis, DeHart & Hopkins) exist in the original buildings commissioned by the Shoreline school district. After World War II, the population boom, coupled with suburbanization, caused increased demand for schools in Seattle neighborhoods. Certain schools were located in portables, such as the short-lived Victory Heights School in the Maple Leaf neighborhood, which was only in operation between 1955 and 1959. Other schools began in portables before they received permanent buildings, and most required portable classrooms directly after their schools building were constructed, as enrollment tended to exceed capacity within the first or second year of operation.

Currently-operating Seattle public elementary schools in North Seattle include: Northgate (1956, Paul Thiry), John Rogers (1956, Theo Damm), North Beach (1958, John Graham & Co), Cedar Park (1959, Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark), Sacajawea (1959, Waldron & Dietz), Olympic View (1989, Eric Meng Associates), Olympic Hills (2017, McGranahan), Cascadia (at Woodrow Wilson site, 2017, Mahlum).

Currently operating Seattle public K-8 schools in North Seattle include: Broadview-Thomson K-8 (1962, Waldron & Dietz), Hazel Wolf K-8 (2016, NAC Architecture), Licton Springs K-8 (2017, Mahlum, at same site as Cascadia Elementary and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School).

<sup>42</sup> Ibid., p. 26.



Currently operating Seattle public middle schools in North Seattle include: Whitman (1959 Mallis & DeHart), and Robert Eagle Staff (at Woodrow Wilson site, 2017, Mahlum).

Currently operating Seattle public high schools in North Seattle include: Ingraham (1959, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson, portions of which are a City of Seattle Landmark) and Nathan Hale (1962, Mallis & DeHart).

From the list above, it is apparent that there are currently five mid-century elementary school buildings still in use, with one a designated City of Seattle Landmark. One K-8 school building (Broadview-Thomson), one middle school building (Whitman), and the two remaining high school buildings also date from the mid-century construction initiatives spurred by the population boom. Since then, North Seattle has gained two contemporary facilities housing single school programs (Olympic View, Hazel Wolf) and a contemporary facility housing programs for three schools (Cascadia, Eagle Staff, Licton Springs K-8) from the Seattle Public Schools Building Excellence IV capital program levy (BEX IV).

In 2014 the Woodrow Wilson building (1953, Mallis & DeHart) was landmarked under criteria B and C due to the significance of the Indian Heritage Program and the director of the program, Robert Eagle Staff, at the school site. School programs for Cascadia Elementary, Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, and Licton Springs K-8 were slated to move to a new school at the site under the BEX IV levy. The architect for the new facility, Mahlum, integrated into the design of the new school buildings the exterior murals depicting Native American leaders by artist Andrew Morrison that were associated with the Indian Heritage Program.

Other landmarked schools in the North Seattle group include Cedar Park Elementary (1959, Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark) which was rehabilitated under the BEX IV levy by Studio Meng Strazzara in 2015, and portions of Ingraham High School<sup>43</sup> (1959, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson). ***See figures 87-93.***

### 4.3 Building History

The Shoreline School District acquired a new elementary school site in the Northgate area after a post-World War II population boom led to overcrowding at Haller Lake, Pinehurst, and Oak Lake schools. In 1952, before Shoreline could design and construct a school building, at what was then called Orr Park, the area was annexed into the City of Seattle.<sup>44</sup>

Immediately after annexation, during summer 1953, the Seattle School District set up an all-portable school then called South Haller Lake School on the northern end of the school site. In September 1953, the school consisted of 14 portable buildings serving 388 students.<sup>45</sup> In 1954 Northgate School was named after the Northgate shopping mall, which had opened four years earlier. The mascot chosen for the school was the Eagles, and school colors were blue and white. 77 additional students enrolled at the school in 1954, necessitating the addition of three more portable classroom buildings.<sup>46</sup> ***See figures 94-98.***

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<sup>43</sup> The auditorium and gymnasium of Ingraham were designated landmarks.

<sup>44</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Northgate," *Building for Learning*.

<sup>45</sup> Ibid.

<sup>46</sup> Ibid.

In 1955, Anderson Construction won the bid to construct the Paul Thiry-designed school building for \$364,578 on the southern end of the school site.<sup>47</sup> The final total school cost was \$520,645.<sup>48</sup> *See figures 99-105.*

Northgate was not designed with a library, only a small, windowless book room on the western end. As a result, by 1956 one of the classrooms had been converted to a library. In 1958 Northgate was included in a pilot program that provided a reading-improvement librarian, which led to the library being dubbed the "heart of the school."<sup>49</sup> In 1969 the library was expanded to two classrooms, the wall between them removed.<sup>50</sup>

Between 1957 and 1958 additional land was added to the site, increasing the total site size to 5.77 acres. In 1961 the expanded site was improved with retaining walls, grading at the upper and lower fields, sewers, drainage, paving, and fencing.<sup>51</sup> Five years later 25 Norway maples were planted around the upper playfield.<sup>52</sup>

During the 1960s, enrollment at Northgate declined due to the construction activity for the Interstate 5 freeway to the east and increasing commercial development around the shopping center. In the same decade, Seattle Public Schools began to make the first efforts to desegregate their schools, in response to the 1962 NAACP lawsuit filed against the Seattle School Board. When the school district settled out of court, Seattle Public Schools began a program of voluntary integration called the Voluntary Transfer Program.<sup>53</sup> In 1966, Northgate was a "receiving school" for 25 pupils bussed from the Central Area, and more than 50 pupils by 1968.<sup>54</sup>

In the mid-1960s Northgate also began an accelerated program for high-achieving students that combined the second and third grades into one class.

At the beginning of the 1970s Seattle's population began to decline, and with it districtwide school enrollment. In 1973 the school board flagged Northgate for "possible closure" due to the fact that only 335 pupils were enrolled at the school, including two integrated classes for special education. Despite the passage of the 1973 levy, the school remained targeted for closure.

A double levy failed in 1976, prompting the school board vote to close Northgate for one year and disperse its students to Haller Lake and Pinehurst. The students and staff at Northgate held a "memorial service" for the school on June 4, 1976, and Northgate closed later that month.<sup>55</sup> However, following a court ruling, the school reopened that September.<sup>56</sup> The same year, Northgate was designated an official Bicentennial school by the Washington State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.<sup>57</sup>

In spite of the voluntary transfer program, by 1977 Seattle Public Schools was charged with racially integrating its schools, either by a more effective voluntary system or by federal court order. To avoid the latter, the city instituted sweeping desegregation regulations, and in 1978 established a citywide busing program, known as the "Seattle Plan," wherein students from

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<sup>47</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Bids Opened On Northgate School Work," March 16, 1955, p. 23.

<sup>48</sup> *Seattle Times*, "School Dedication," November 18, 1956, p. 67.

<sup>49</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Northgate," *Building for Learning*.

<sup>50</sup> Joseph E. West, "Northgate School History," Seattle Public Schools Archives, June 20, 1973.

<sup>51</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Tax Proposals Worry School Board," March 2, 1961, p. 33.

<sup>52</sup> *Seattle Times*, "School Dedication," November 18, 1956, p. 67.

<sup>53</sup> Katharine Strange, "The Elephant in the Classroom: Segregation in Seattle Public Schools," The Good Schools Project, <https://medium.com/@katyjonesstrange/the-elephant-in-the-classroom-segregation-in-seattle-public-schools-3c00df51393d>

<sup>54</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Northgate," *Building for Learning*.

<sup>55</sup> Northgate Elementary, "Northgate School, 1953-1976," farewell program, Seattle Public Schools archives, June 4, 1976.

<sup>56</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Northgate," *Building for Learning*.

<sup>57</sup> Seattle Public Schools Archives, "A Brief History of Northgate Elementary School," 1976.

neighborhoods north of the Lake Washington Ship Canal and West Seattle were bused to the Central District and south end, and vice versa.<sup>58</sup> As part of the Seattle Plan, Northgate was paired with Graham Hill Elementary in the Seward Park neighborhood from 1978 until 1988, when the program was dismantled. During those years, Northgate served grades four through six plus a kindergarten, and Graham Hill served kindergarten through third grade.

On March 25, 1985 Northgate faced a school emergency (the nature of which was undocumented in the press and school correspondence of the time) and the entire school program was moved to Broadview-Thomson for a short period of time.<sup>59</sup>

In 2000, philanthropist Molly Hanlon spent about ten hours per week coordinating tutoring at Northgate elementary school for her initiative called the Youth Tutoring Program (YTP) administered through the not-for-profit organization Social Ventures, which operated between 1999 and 2004.<sup>60</sup> In 2000 the school also operated a year-long Young Authors project, where each child produced a bound book with a story and a set of poems, which were presented to an audience at the end of the year.<sup>61</sup>

Around 2003, the accelerated technology improvement program removed a wall between two of the classrooms in the school to create a library and computer lab.<sup>62</sup> In 2013, Target and the Heart of America Foundation awarded Northgate Elementary a \$1,000 book award as runner-up in the Target School Library Makeover competition.<sup>63</sup> In 2018 the North Beach PTA presented a \$10,000 check to Northgate Elementary for the improvement of the library for a partnership to "help eliminate the opportunity gap."<sup>64</sup>

In 2005, concerns about lead in the water led to the installation of filters on Northgate Elementary water fountains. After the filters were installed, 10 of the 11 water fountains passed the acceptable level lead tests.<sup>65</sup>

In 2006 Northgate was one of 12 Seattle public schools where more than 80 percent of children qualified for free or reduced-price meals and the cafeterias served free breakfast to all students.<sup>66</sup>

In 2010 Northgate was one of nine Seattle Elementary schools facing Title 1 sanctions for missing targets on state testing for more than four years in a row.<sup>67</sup>

As of 2019, Northgate Elementary has a significant homeless population among its student body, with about one in four students having no permanent home.<sup>68</sup> Northgate is the closest elementary school to Mary's Place North Seattle, a not-for-profit homeless shelter/service provider for low-income and homeless families. The school provides 16% of its student population with special educational services and 35% of its student population with English Language Learning (ELL) services.<sup>69</sup> The current racial demographics of the school are as

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<sup>58</sup> Constantine Angelos, "School-closure proposals mean major changes," *Seattle Times*, October 12, 1980, A18.

<sup>59</sup> Seattle Public Schools Archives, letter, March 1985.

<sup>60</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Big bucks going back to school: Donors give with strings attached," December 10, 2000, p. A1.

<sup>61</sup> Thompson & Marr, "Northgate," *Building for Learning*.

<sup>62</sup> Seattle Public Schools Archives, record number 257-1111, 2003.

<sup>63</sup> Heather Reese, "Northgate Elementary receives \$1,000 book award," Heart of America Foundation, June 3, 2010, <https://hoanews.wordpress.com/2010/06/03/northgate-elementary-receives-1000-book-award/> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>64</sup> Seattle Public Schools, "North Beach and Northgate Library Collaboration," April 25, 2018, [https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what\\_s\\_new/north\\_beach\\_and\\_northgate\\_library\\_collaboration](https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/north_beach_and_northgate_library_collaboration)

<sup>65</sup> Nick Perry, "Some fountains still can't pass school lead test," *Seattle Times*, August 19, 2005, p. B4.

<sup>66</sup> Joe Mullin, "Schools expand free breakfasts for kids in need," *Seattle Times*, October 3, 2006, p. B1.

<sup>67</sup> Katherine Long & Linda Shaw, "Mixed results in new tests," *Seattle Times*, September 1, 2010, p. B1.

<sup>68</sup> Paige Cornwell, "Drive nets 1,000 books for homeless students," *Seattle Times*, February 23, 2017, p. B4.

<sup>69</sup> Tingyu Wang, email communication with Ellen Mirro, May 17, 2019.

follows: 37% Hispanic, 23% African American, 19% white, 11% multi-ethnic, 8% Asian, and 1% Pacific Islander.<sup>70</sup> This reflects the overall neighborhood demographic trends since the late 1990s and early 2000s.<sup>71</sup>

Northgate Elementary has been the focus of at least two public levies: the 2015 Move Seattle property tax levy and the 2019 Seattle Public Schools BEX V capital levy. The Move Seattle levy claimed that the walk to school for Northgate students was unsafe due to sidewalk and parking conditions.<sup>72</sup> As of the writing of this report, 10 of the "Safe Routes to Schools" projects, including the North Seattle Neighborhood Greenway, have been completed with funds from the levy.<sup>73</sup> The needs for repairs and upgraded facilities at Northgate Elementary were part of the reporting on the BEX V levy in the *Seattle Times*, with numerous articles naming Northgate as a site where improvements to electrical systems, heating systems and other facility finishes, such as ceilings, were needed.<sup>74</sup>

Since 2007, the school district has been a member of the Seattle Climate Partnership, a group of Seattle businesses and organizations under voluntary agreement to reduce their climate footprint.<sup>75</sup> In response to this partnership, the district began its Resource Conservation program, which implemented benchmarks in three categories: energy usage, waste, and water usage. Since 2008, Northgate Elementary has failed to meet the minimum goal for energy usage set by the program.<sup>76</sup> Despite using more energy than the energy goal, the teachers and principal at Northgate complain of insufficient heat and heating systems for student comfort. Children and teachers wear jackets, hats, and gloves indoors throughout the winter months.<sup>77</sup>

#### 4.4 Historic Architectural Context: Modern & Mid-Century Modern Style School Typology (1945-1965)<sup>78</sup>

The design of the 1957 school building reflects the adoption of Modernist ideas of cleanliness and functionality, as well as some ideas of how to use precast concrete structural elements. Before World War II, some school designs, mostly in Europe, were responding to Modernist ideas, striving for clean, "rational," and functional spaces. These buildings set the stage for the boom in new Modernist schools built after the war.

Modernism, or the Modern Movement in design and architecture, had its origins in Europe after World War I, with an underlying belief that advances in science and technology would generate a new form of architecture, free from the pervasive eclecticism based on revival forms. The possibilities of curtain wall construction utilizing steel frames and the freeform massing using ferro-concrete were explored by Continental architects and American Modernist pioneers,

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<sup>70</sup> Seattle Public Schools, "Annual Enrollment Report, Section 11," 2019.

<sup>71</sup> Seattle Civil Rights & Labor History Project, University of Washington, <http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/index.htm>.

<sup>72</sup> Mike Lindblom, "Walking, cycling advocates push for bigger piece of Move Seattle levy," *Seattle Times*, June 7, 2015, p. B1.

<sup>73</sup> Salma Siddick, "Move Seattle Levy update: SDOT invests \$85M to keep people and goods moving," SDOT Blog, Seattle Department of Transportation, August 2, 2019, <https://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2019/08/02/move-seattle-levy-update-sdot-invests-85m-to-keep-people-and-goods-moving/> (accessed August 2019).

<sup>74</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Voter Guide: Funding schools in time of uncertain finances," January 29, 2019, p. B1.

<sup>75</sup> In 2007 Seattle School Board, led by board president Cheryl Chow, passed resolution 2006/2007-18, authorizing the superintendent to join the Seattle Climate Partnership.

<sup>76</sup> Seattle Public Schools, "Utility Data," <http://sps.ss8.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=18890>.

<sup>77</sup> Dedy Fauntleroy, Northgate Elementary School principal, verbal communication with Audrey Reda and Ellen Mirro, April 4, 2019.

<sup>78</sup> Larry E. Johnson, AIA, The Johnson Partnership, May 2013. Additional input was received from Susan Boyle, AIA, of BOLA Architecture + Planning.

including Frank Lloyd Wright.<sup>79</sup> Although educational theories excoriated the traditional classroom structure as factory-like and welcomed the idea of new schools with more flexible learning environments, school designers in the United States were slow to adopt new styles of building, continuing to use traditional models during the Great Depression and into the 1940s.

In America, school design started to be influenced by the visual aesthetic of the Modern movement, while retaining traditional classroom sizing and daylighting standards. During the 1930s, little funding was available for new schools outside of the federal Public Works Administration (PWA) building projects. Washington State had at least three of these PWA-constructed schools: Bellingham High School (1938, Floyd Naramore), Meridian Elementary School in Kent (1939), and Panther Lake School in Federal Way (1938-1939).<sup>80</sup> **See figure 106.**

Nationally, many of the plans for modern schools included classrooms that opened directly to the exterior and were air-conditioned. One of the earliest schools to apply the principles of the International Style was William Lescaze's Ansonia High School in Connecticut in 1937.<sup>81</sup> The Crow Island School in Winnetka, Illinois, designed in 1940 by Eliel Saarinen, was instrumental in influencing Modern school design, as was Richard Neutra's 1935 Corona Avenue School in California. The firm of Franklin & Kump designed the Acalanes Union High School (1939-40) in Lafayette, California, which applied these ideas in an economical way to an expandable high school.<sup>82</sup> **See figure 107-110.**

Modern construction, technologies, and ideas for the health, welfare, and educational ideals for children also impacted school design. The new designs focused on one-story flat-roof buildings, using modern lightweight building technologies with metal-frame windows. These schools were less expensive to build than their two-story Classical, Colonial, or Gothic predecessors.

New research on tolerable levels of light, temperature, and ventilation, combined with technological advances in lighting and environmental controls, bolstered the success and proliferation of the new architectural forms. As designs relied more on artificial lighting and mechanical ventilation, architects during the latter part of the postwar era also began to focus on the acoustical design principles for school classrooms, affecting roof and ceiling forms.<sup>83</sup> An early example of this is illustrated at John Carl Warneke's Portola Junior High School in El Cerrito, California, constructed in 1951. The 1958 gymnasium by NBBJ at Lincoln High School reflects the same popular idea of natural lighting with monitor skylights facing alternately north and south.<sup>84</sup> **See figure 111-114.**

During this period, new school designs accommodated new functions and frequently had separate structures for auditoriums/lunchrooms, gymnasiums, and covered outdoor play areas, although this was less common for elementary schools than high schools. Some schools had specialized classrooms for music, art, and science, while portable buildings were also often retained for art and music.<sup>85</sup>

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<sup>79</sup> R. Furneaux Jordan, *A Concise History of Western Architecture* (Norwich, G.B.: Jarrold and Sons, 1969), p. 320.

<sup>80</sup> UC Berkeley, "The Living New Deal," <http://livingnewdeal.berkeley.edu/us/wa>, (accessed March 2014).

<sup>81</sup> R. Thomas Hille, *Modern Schools: A Century of Design for Education* (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2011), p. 78.

<sup>82</sup> Architecture Week: Great Buildings, "Crow Island School,"

[http://www.greatbuildings.com/buildings/Crow\\_Island\\_School.html](http://www.greatbuildings.com/buildings/Crow_Island_School.html), accessed February 18, 2012.

<sup>83</sup> Ibid.

<sup>84</sup> Charles Burrell, "Workers Gearing Up for Tearing Down Portola Middle School," *El Cerrito Patch*, May 23, 2012, <http://elcerrito.patch.com/groups/schools/p/portola-middle-school-replacement-moves-closer-to-reality>.

<sup>85</sup> Baker, pp. 10-16.

In the Pacific Northwest, a new generation of architects emerged from architectural schools, including the University of Washington, where early adopters of Modernism challenged traditionalist professors. These new practitioners—including Victor Steinbrueck (1911-1985), Paul Hayden Kirk (1914-1995), Omer Mithun (1918-1983), and Roland Terry (1917-2006)—emerged from their apprenticeships embracing a new Northwest Modernism.

Seattle architect John Morse cited the origins and formal principles of Modern school designs in a 1957 publication:

After the doldrums of the Depression, the Second World War waked architect and public alike: new designs for one-story schools came out of Michigan, Texas and California – plans based on groups of classroom wings and landscaped courts, together with a complete restudy of assembly and athletic rooms. The following terms became well known: single-loaded corridors, bilateral lighting, sky-lighting, radiant heating unit ventilation, the finger plan, the campus plan, multipurpose room, slab-on-grade, brightness ratios, color harmony; and still later: luminous ceilings, window walls, audio-visual techniques, resilient playground surfacing, flexible special-purpose rooms, student activity rooms. Washington State contributed to the national wakening with pioneering work in top-lighting, color design and concrete design in both pre-stressed and shell design.

The principal changes in regular classrooms have been these: more floor area per pupil – minimum 30 sq. ft., square rooms, sinks in all primary classrooms, day-lighting from above or from two sides, lower ceilings – down from 12 feet to 8 or 9 feet, mechanical ventilation, more tackboard – less chalkboard, more positive colors on walls and floors, higher illumination – 40 foot candles minimum, sun control outside the windows, all furniture movable.<sup>86</sup>

School design in Seattle followed the national pattern, with school districts struggling to accommodate rapid population growth resulting from the postwar Baby Boom. During this period, the Seattle School district chose separate architects for each school design, definitively moving away from the previous model of a school district architect producing unified designs with standard details and specifications. Most school architects between 1945 and 1965 designed one-story elementary schools with ribbon windows and a Modernist expression. Several schools replaced interior corridors with covered exterior walkways as circulation spaces. Because of the booming student population, portable school units were used at all schools to ease overcrowding.

During the war years, the Seattle Parks Department and the Seattle Public Schools shared the administration of sports programs, and in 1948 the school district adopted interscholastic sports programs. This resulted in changes of both school design and school site planning. This effort reflected a national interest, advanced by the National Education Association and others, to meet the specific and distinct needs of teenagers. Thus, the postwar schools accommodate more sports and play, with a typical emphasis on indoor/outdoor connections, and additional paved outdoor recreation and equipment areas. While many schools were fenced, play areas were typically accessible for neighborhood use. School sites were expanded to create larger paved parking lots for teachers, staff, service vehicles, and visitors. Landscaped plant beds were

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<sup>86</sup> John M. Morse, "The Art of Building Has Changed," *Washington Education*, April 1957, p. 13-15.

typically placed along the primary façades and entries of classroom and administrative buildings and within courtyards.

Seattle Public Schools specifications have changed since 1950, now requiring designs that prioritize student learning, the importance of play, personalization, community engagement, and flexibility in building design. Some of the key components that have changed since the mid-century include accessibility for students of all abilities, increased school security concerns, increased emphasis on technology and communications, design for increased community use, energy conservation, and sustainability.<sup>87</sup>

#### 4.5 Seattle School District No. 1: History, General Historic & Building Context<sup>88</sup>

*For the complete context of the Seattle School District No. 1 please see Appendix 3 to this report.*

##### **Post-World War II Seattle Schools, 1946 to 1965**

After World War II, enrollment swelled to a peak in the 1960s of approximately 100,000 students. Between 1946 and 1958, six separate bond issues were approved for new school construction. Samuel Fleming, employed by the district since 1908, succeeded Worth McClure as superintendent in 1945. After Fleming retired in 1956, Ernest Campbell became superintendent.<sup>89</sup>

In 1945, the Seattle School District Board commissioned a study of population trends and future building needs. One proposal called for the modernization of all existing schools and the addition of classrooms, along with multi-use rooms for lunch and assembly purposes, covered and hard-surfaced play areas and play-courts, and expanded gymnasiums. Improvements in lighting, heating, plumbing systems, and acoustical treatments were sought as well. This survey occurred at a time when student enrollment in Seattle was stable, at around 50,000. By this time the school district was overseen by a five-member board of directors, and employed approximately 2,500 certified teachers, with an average annual salary of about \$2,880.<sup>90</sup>

The district completed a large stadium with reinforced concrete stands (1947, George W. Stoddard) in 1947, adjacent to the National Guard Armory at Harrison Street and Fourth Avenue N, at the former Civic Field. In 1951, a war memorial shrine bearing the names of 762 Seattle schools graduates killed in World War II was dedicated at Memorial Stadium. ***See figure 116.***

In 1949, a 6.8 Richter-scale earthquake damaged several elementary schools, resulting in their subsequent replacement by temporary portables. As enrollment continued to swell throughout the 1950s, these temporary structures served as a quick, flexible response to overcrowding. In 1958 an estimated twenty percent of the total Seattle student body was taught in portable classrooms. Despite their popularity, however, the occupants of the portables suffered from inadequate heating, lack of plumbing, and distance from other school facilities.<sup>91</sup>

Elementary schools included separate gymnasiums and auditorium-lunchrooms. Older high

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<sup>87</sup> Seattle Public Schools, "Generic Elementary Education Specifications," May 31, 2016.

<sup>88</sup> Prepared by Larry E. Johnson, AIA, principal of the Johnson Partnership, May 2013. Additional input was received from Susan Boyle, AIA, of BOLA Architecture + Planning. Note: This general historical survey does not provide a comprehensive list of every school built or operated by Seattle Public Schools from the district's founding in 1882 to the present day.

<sup>89</sup> Paul Hoerlein, "Introduction," *Building for Learning: Seattle Public School Histories, 1862- 2000*, Nile Thompson and Carolyn J. Marr (Seattle, WA: Seattle Public Schools, 2002), p. xii.

<sup>90</sup> Robinson, p. 192-193. Aaron Purcell, School enrollment figures from Seattle Public Schools archives.

<sup>91</sup> Hoerlein, p. xiii.

schools gained additions of gymnasiums and specialized classroom space. Despite all the construction, there were still extensive needs for portable classrooms to accommodate excess enrollment.<sup>92</sup>

The earliest school buildings, put up as rapidly as possible, included the three schools constructed in 1949. Designs prepared by George W. Stoddard for these schools were essentially linked portables with a fixed administrative wing. Each of the district's thirty-five new school buildings was individually designed in the Modern style, with nearly all of the elementary schools constructed as one-story buildings, or on sloping sites. To conform to change in building code, each classroom had direct access to grade. During this period the quality of construction gradually improved from a relatively low standard to a fifty-year standard. ***See figure 113, location map.***

The twenty-two new elementary schools built by the district between 1948 and 1965 include: ***See figures 114-135.***

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
View Ridge School	1948	7047 50 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	William Mallis	
Arbor Heights School	1949	3701 SW 104 <sup>th</sup> St.	George W. Stoddard	Demolished, replacement opened 2016
Briarcliff School	1949	3901 W Dravus St.	George W. Stoddard	Demolished
Genesee Hill	1949	5012 SW Genesee St.	George W. Stoddard	Demolished, replacement opened 2016
Lafayette School	1950	2645 California Ave. SW	John Graham & Co.	
Van Asselt School	1950	7201 Beacon Ave. S	Jones & Biden	Interim site for Wing Luke
Olympic Hills School	1954	13018 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	John Graham & Co.	Demolished, replacement opened 2017
Viewlands School	1954	10523 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW	Mallis & Dehart	
Wedgwood School	1955	2720 NE 85 <sup>th</sup> St.	John Graham & Co.	
Northgate School	1956	11725 First Ave. NE	Paul Thiry	
John Rogers School	1956	4030 NE 109 <sup>th</sup> St.	Theo Damm	
North Beach School	1958	9018 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NW	John Graham & Co.	
Roxhill School	1958	9430 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW	John Graham & Co.	
Sand Point School	1958	6208 60 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	G.W. Stoddard w/	

<sup>92</sup> Ibid., pp. xii-xiii.



			F. Huggard	
Cedar Park School	1959	13224 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	Paul Thiry	City of Seattle Landmark
Sacajawea School	1959	9501 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	Waldron & Dietz	
Decatur School	1961	7711 43 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE	Edward Mahlum	In 2017 became an HCC (Highly Capable Cohort) Pathway school, adjacent to Thornton Creek school.
Graham Hill School	1961	5149 S Graham St.	Theo Damm	Altered
Rainier View School	1961	11650 Beacon Ave. S	Durham, Anderson & Freed	
Schmitz Park School	1962	5000 SW Spokane St.	Durham, Anderson & Freed	Closed, site leased
Broadview-Thomson School	1963	13052 Greenwood Ave. N	Waldron & Dietz	
Fairmount Park School	1964	3800 SW Findlay St.	Carlson, Eley & Grevstad	Altered

One of the first priorities during this period was the building of new junior high schools. Between 1950 and 1964, nine new junior high schools were completed: ***See figures 136-144.***

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Eckstein Jr. High School	1950	3003 NE 75 <sup>th</sup> St.	William Mallis	Seattle Landmark
Blaine Jr. High School	1952	2550 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave. W	J. Lister Holmes	
Sharples Jr. High School	1952	3928 S Graham St.	William Mallis	Now Aki Kurose Middle School
David Denny Jr. High School	1952	8402 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW	Mallis & Dehart	Demolished
Asa Mercer Jr. High School	1957	1600 Columbian Way S	John W. Maloney	
Whitman Jr. High School	1959	9201 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NW	Mallis & Dehart	
Louisa Boren Jr. High School	1963	5950 Delridge Way SW	NBBJ	Now Boren K-8 STEM
George Washington Jr. High School	1963	2101 S Jackson St.	John Graham & Co.	
Worth McClure Jr. High School	1964	1915 First Ave. W	Edward Mahlum	

During this period, the district also constructed four new high schools, including: *See figures 145-148.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Chief Sealth High School	1957	2600 SW Thistle	Naramore, Bain, Brady, and Johanson	Altered
Ingraham High School	1959	1819 N 135th Street	Naramore, Bain, Brady, and Johanson	Altered, portions are City of Seattle Landmark
Rainier Beach High School	1960	8815 Seward Park S	John W. Maloney	Altered
Nathan Hale High School	1963	10750 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	Mallis & Dehart	Altered

Between 1943 and 1954, voters in the rapidly growing unincorporated areas north of Seattle, feeling the burden of new special school levies, and believing that there were advantages to Seattle transportation services and police and fire protection, approved at least twelve annexations to the city of Seattle. This pushed the city limits northward from a line near N 85<sup>th</sup> street, to a uniform north border at N 145<sup>th</sup> Street. These annexations brought an additional ten schools into the district from the struggling Shoreline School District.<sup>93</sup>

#### 4.6 Building Architect: Paul Thiry, FAIA

The architect for Northgate Elementary School was Paul Thiry. *See figure 149.*

Paul Albert Thiry, son of Hippolyte Thiry and Louise (Schwaebel) Thiry, was born on September 11, 1904, in Nome, Alaska.<sup>94</sup> His father was a French mining engineer working for a Belgian mining company.<sup>95</sup> The Thiry family moved to San Francisco in 1906, but returned to Alaska after the earthquake and resulting fire in April of that year.<sup>96</sup> His mother traveled to France with her son in 1909, visiting for several months with her family, before returning to Nome by way of Seattle.<sup>97</sup> Back in Nome, Louise Thiry started a women's clothing business, spending some time every year in Seattle placing fabric orders.<sup>98</sup> When in Seattle she and her son lived at the fashionable Lincoln Hotel on Fourth Avenue, across the street from the Carnegie Central Library.<sup>99</sup> Louise and Paul moved to Seattle after Hippolyte Thiry was killed in World

<sup>93</sup> Hawkins, p. 26.

<sup>94</sup> Pacific Coast Architecture Database (PCAD), "Paul Albert Thiry Sr. (Architect)," PCAD id 1619, <http://pcad.lib.washington.edu/person/1619/>.

<sup>95</sup> Paul Thiry, interview with Meredith Clausen, September 15-16, 1983, <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/interviews/oral-history-interview-paul-thiry-11659> (accessed May 2012).

<sup>96</sup> Ibid.

<sup>97</sup> Ibid.

<sup>98</sup> Ibid.

<sup>99</sup> Ibid. United State Department of Commerce and Labor, "Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 Population, Washington, King County, Seattle," sheet 2B.

War I.<sup>100</sup> In Seattle, Thiry attended Coe School and Summit School, before boarding and attending school at St. Martin's College in Lacey, Washington, graduating in 1920 at age 15.<sup>101</sup>

Thiry entered the University of Washington in 1920, abandoning his pre-medical program to study architectural design.<sup>102</sup> Thiry entered the Department of Architecture program in 1923 as one of just 47 students.<sup>103</sup> The department's founder, Carl F. Gould (1873-1939), had officially affiliated the department with the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design of New York, and his program was steeped in the classical training of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts of Paris, France.<sup>104</sup> Thiry excelled at his studies, especially enjoying drawing, and in 1926 qualified for membership in Tau Sigma Delta, the architecture honorary society.<sup>105</sup> The school encouraged mentoring by practicing architects and Thiry was able to gain valuable experience working as a summer apprentice with Seattle architect Henry Bittman (1881-1955) in 1926, and John Graham, Sr. (1873-1955) in 1928.<sup>106</sup> Thiry, semi-fluent in French, took advantage of the opportunity to spend the summer of 1927 in France, studying with Jacques Carlu (1890-1976), earning a diploma from the Ecole Americaine des Beaux-Arts in Fontainebleau.<sup>107</sup> Thiry graduated from University of Washington in 1928, with a Bachelor of Architecture, receiving the Student Medal awarded by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).<sup>108</sup>

Before Thiry graduated, his landlord, William Druxor, asked him to design an apartment building adjacent to the building where Paul and his mother lived, Lake Crest Apartment Court.<sup>109</sup> After graduation, Thiry opened his own office at 823 Skinner Building, receiving his architectural license in 1929.<sup>110</sup> During his early years Thiry's work was primarily single-family residences and churches, mainly designed in the then-popular Norman Gothic style. His 1929 Castlewood Apartments, however, was a stripped-down Art Moderne design.

As work inevitably slowed during the Great Depression, Thiry traveled to Chicago to visit the 1933 Century of Progress Exhibition. There he received at least a brief exposure to modern design trends in several of the exhibits, including the Hall of Science and Chrysler Motors' buildings and in residential design in the "Homes of Tomorrow Exhibit" and manufacturers' exhibits at the Home Planning Hall.

“[A]fter seeing the structure at the Chicago Fair, it always seemed to me that form had to follow function, and design had to show structure. I thought that there were so many new elements being developed that there should be a new architecture, but I didn't get much support in that viewpoint ... [from] the people that I was taught by at the University.”<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>100</sup> Thiry.

<sup>101</sup> Thiry. United State Department of Commerce, “Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, Population, Washington, Thurston County, Woodland Precinct, St. Martins College and Abbey,” sheet 12A.

<sup>102</sup> Thiry.

<sup>103</sup> Jeffrey K. Ochsner, *Lionel N. Pries* (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 2007), p. 135.

<sup>104</sup> Ochsner, p. 135.

<sup>105</sup> Marga Rose Hancock, “Thiry, Paul Albert,” HistoryLink essay 9383, April 10, 2010, [http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file\\_id=9383](http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=9383) (accessed May 2012).

<sup>106</sup> Hancock.

<sup>107</sup> Thiry.

<sup>108</sup> Hancock.

<sup>109</sup> Thiry.

<sup>110</sup> Washington State Department of Licenses, “Application, No. 1263821,” December 5, 1929.

<sup>111</sup> Thiry.

In 1934, Thomas T. Matsumoto, with whom he had studied in Seattle, invited Thiry to work for him in Japan, an offer that led Thiry to purchase a steamer ticket around the world.<sup>112</sup> In Japan, Thiry worked with Matsumoto for several months, traveling around the country and meeting Antonin Raymond, a Czech architect who had come to Japan to work with Frank Lloyd Wright on the Imperial Hotel. In private practice in Japan, Raymond's work demonstrated clear influence by early European Modernists such as Auguste Perret and Charles-Édouard Jeanneret (Le Corbusier). Thiry would later say that his work in Japan and his experience with the architectural work of Raymond influenced him most in his rapid shift toward Modernism.<sup>113</sup>

Leaving Japan, Thiry traveled to Shanghai, working there briefly, then visiting several cities in Asia and India, before stopping again in France, where he briefly met Corbusier. Leaving France, Thiry arrived in New York, staying for several weeks in Washington, D.C. before returning to Seattle by way of the Panama Canal.<sup>114</sup>

When Thiry returned to Seattle in 1935, he formed a partnership with Albert Shay that lasted several years, with Shay handling the business end, and Thiry having a free hand in design.<sup>115</sup> In the mid-1930s Thiry designed a few more residences in traditional eclectic styles, but fully established himself as a Modernist in the design of a few similar flat-roof, stucco houses, including his own in the Washington Park neighborhood, completed in 1936.

Like many architects, Thiry's skills were needed on the home front during World War II. Thiry worked with various others in designing large-scale housing and military projects, including 6,000 dwellings and community facilities in Port Orchard (1940-1944), and the Naval Advance Base Depot in Tacoma.<sup>116</sup>

Thiry's views on Modern domestic architecture were disconcerting to staid Seattleites in the late 1940s and 1950s. He was frequently invited to talk at various social groups around Seattle, including the Women's University Club. He later commented:

"I spoke of flexible spaces, of the practicalities of flat roofs, of overhangs, and letting the sun in, and keeping the sun out, and building to accommodate the breeze in the summertime, and to discourage the wind in the winter, and to keep out of the rain. And then I got into subjects like building reflecting surfaces, and the dark inner parts of houses, and of sliding screens and shojis, and you know, it really denounced the American home."<sup>117</sup>

By the beginning of the 1950s, Thiry was nationally recognized, having had projects published numerous times in major magazines and book compilations, leading him to higher profile institutional, civic, and commercial projects. He was elected to the AIA's College of Fellows in 1951.

In 1950 he won one of the first Honor Awards issued by the Seattle Chapter of the AIA in 1950, for his design of the Church of Christ the King in the Greenwood neighborhood.<sup>118</sup> His St.

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<sup>112</sup> Ibid.

<sup>113</sup> Ibid.

<sup>114</sup> Ibid.

<sup>115</sup> Ibid.

<sup>116</sup> Meredith Clausen, "Paul Thiry," *Shaping Seattle Architecture*, Jeffery K. Ochsner, ed. (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1994), p. 247. Thiry.

<sup>117</sup> Thiry.

<sup>118</sup> Seattle AIA, "AIA Seattle Honor Awards: projects cited 1950-,"  
[http://www.aiaseattle.org/archive\\_honorawards\\_1950topresent.htm](http://www.aiaseattle.org/archive_honorawards_1950topresent.htm).

George Church and Friary, completed in 1953, won a Seattle AIA Honor Award in 1955.<sup>119</sup> Thiry's vast experience with church design led him to write *Churches and Temples* with R. Bennett and H. Kamphofner in 1953.<sup>120</sup>

His museum building for the Seattle Historical Society, originally completed in 1950, incorporated his ideas of flexible planning and window walls seen in his residential projects into a modern flexible exhibit space. Called the Museum of History & Industry, the project won a Seattle AIA Honor Award in 1955.<sup>121</sup> Thiry would expand and modify the building, located in the Montlake neighborhood, several times over the next several years. In 1952, he designed another significant museum building on Seattle's First Hill for philanthropists Charles and Emma Frye.

Thiry's Northeast Branch Seattle Public Library (City of Seattle Landmark), completed in 1954, was a departure from previous flat-roof designs, with a low-slope gable roof with this overarching overhang supported on a steel frame.

Thiry completed one of two schools for the Seattle school district in 1956, Northgate Elementary (subject building), followed in 1959 by Cedar Park Elementary (City of Seattle Landmark). The structural design of Cedar Park was by Peter Hostmark, PE, who worked with Thiry on several other projects.

Thiry had previously completed an elementary school building on the Our Lady of the Lake church campus in 1948. The school contained classrooms and a gymnasium, utilizing a shared vocabulary of red "flushed" brick masonry, glass block with inserted operable aluminum sash windows, and either flat or low-slope roofs.

The same year that he designed Northgate Elementary, Thiry completed a church campus project for the St. Pius X Parish that included both a church and elementary school with an attached gymnasium. The school buildings shared a similar construction vocabulary as Northgate, utilizing low-slope pre-cast concrete bents with concrete walls used for the gym and masonry infill stem walls used for the classrooms.

In 1955 Thiry was commissioned by the State of Washington to design the new State Library in Olympia. The library, which was completed in 1958, was classically arranged with a long horizontal colonnade and projecting portico, but reinterpreted in the Modern style to have a flat roof, side entrances, and a long frontal pool with a fountain designed by noted Northwest sculptor Everett DuPen. As architect for the Washington State Library, Thiry was involved in the decision to commission Northwest artist Mark Tobey to design a mural for the library, stating "more critics acclaim him for what he has done than those who criticize him."<sup>122</sup>

Thiry's reputation led him to be appointed chief architect of Seattle's Century 21 Exposition in 1957. Thiry prepared the master plan, coordinated with other exhibition architects, and designed three exhibition buildings, including the Nalley's Fine Foods Pavilion, the Seattle First National Bank Pavilion, and the Washington State Pavilion (Coliseum, now Key Arena, City of Seattle Landmark). Thiry and Hostmark's design of the building called for two steel roof trusses, supported by tri-podal concrete abutments, spanning 340 feet between the four mid-points of

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<sup>119</sup> Ibid.

<sup>120</sup> Paul Thiry, R. Bennett, and H. Kamphofner, *Churches and Temples* (New York, NY: Reinhold Publishing, 1953).

<sup>121</sup> Seattle AIA.

<sup>122</sup> *Tri City Herald*, "Library Mural Gets Attention," April 22, 1959, p. 7.

the structure. The trusses divide the cable-hung roof into four equal hyperbolic parabolic squares with a pre-stressed perimeter ring girder.<sup>123</sup>

Due to the success of the 1962 Century 21 Exposition, both the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council honored him as “Man of the Year” in 1962. That same year, he also became Chancellor of the AIA’s College of Fellows.<sup>124</sup>

In the 1960s Thiry and Hostmark collaborated on two significant examples of church architecture. Their 1962 Mercer Island Presbyterian Church is still considered one the Pacific Northwest’s premier examples of Modern church design, with its tent-like folded plate concrete roof hovering above the sanctuary. Saint Demetrios Orthodox Church in Seattle’s Montlake neighborhood mixed traditional forms re-interpreted in a contemporary style. The church remains a focal point for the neighborhood and Greek Orthodox community.

In 1962 the Army Corps of Engineers commissioned Thiry to develop a master plan for the development of their Libby Dam project in Montana. Thiry, in his advisory role, developed guidelines for the design of the dam, powerhouse, visitors’ center, and other associated structures, as well as coordinating with sculptor Albert Wein on the “Treaty Tower” on the upstream face of the dam.<sup>125</sup>

Beginning in the 1960s, Thiry was appointed to several local and national design-related commissions. A self-declared elitist, Thiry believed that those with training and experience should be the ones to make important civic decisions, and he felt it his duty to be involved in civic matters and express his opinion. He said in a 1983 interview:

“We have to attack problems of cities in great ways, recognizing problems and not be Mickey Mouse about parks and all of that. They should be a part of the grand plan. And so with the kind of education people are getting now, and everyone being equally intelligent, and understanding about all problems of architecture and design and planning, you can, you know, speak to the average grammar school graduate, and he'll give you the full treatment in how to do things. A person with Beaux-Arts training is a contradiction to this wisdom that's exhibited by everybody in the street.”<sup>126</sup>

A man with strong opinions and convictions, Thiry’s public service was not without controversy. He served on the Seattle Planning Commission from 1952 to 1961, but quit when the City Council refused to alter its plans for a freeway cut through the city without a full cover. As chair of the AIA Committee on the National Capitol Building in Washington D.C., Thiry was appointed in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to serve on the National Capital Planning Committee. In that capacity, he took a position counter to the national AIA in opposing restoration of the west front of the capital, advocating instead for a new extension. Jacqueline Kennedy appointed Thiry to the Kennedy Library Commission in 1964, after President Kennedy’s assassination. In the late 1950s Thiry was asked by Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly to design an office addition to St. James Cathedral in Seattle. Thiry declined to make modifications, saying it would destroy the character of the original building. When he criticized the archbishop’s office for proposing the addition because it was intended for the use of social programs, which he felt was beyond the church’s mission, the archdiocese excluded him from

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<sup>123</sup> Peter H. Hostmark, “Prestressing of the Ring Girder of the Century 21 Coliseum,” Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> fall meeting of the American Concrete Institute, September 27-29, 1962.

<sup>124</sup> Hancock, p. 8.

<sup>125</sup> Clausen, pp. 249, 251.

<sup>126</sup> Thiry.

consideration for future projects.<sup>127</sup> As a preservationist, Thiry's reputation is mixed. In 1965, Thiry supported demolition of the Washington Governor's Mansion, stating that it was "not architecturally wonderful and not historically ancient" and should be torn down.<sup>128</sup>

Thiry was cited by the national AIA in 1965 for his work in community design.<sup>129</sup>

Two other churches are hallmarks of Thiry's later career. The Agnes Flanagan Chapel, completed and dedicated in 1969, is both playful and richly symbolic, drawing upon Native American imagery. The chapel is one of three buildings Thiry designed for the campus of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. His Christ Episcopal Church in Tacoma, finished in 1970, is a testament of faith expressed in Brutalism.

Thiry remained active in design and community affairs until the late 1980s. He was the first recipient, along with Paul Hayden Kirk (1914-1995), of Seattle AIA's highest honor, the Seattle Medal.<sup>130</sup> He passed away in Seattle on June 27, 1993.<sup>131</sup>

### Paul Thiry Attributions

(Note: all addresses are Seattle, Washington, unless otherwise noted.) *See figures 150-161.*

Year	Project	Address	Client	Notes
1929	Lakecrest Apartment Court	2016 43 <sup>rd</sup> Ave E	William Duxor	Now part of Lake Ct. Apts. w/ James Taylor, Jr.
1929	L. N. Small residence	309 36 <sup>th</sup> Avenue N	E. C. Edwards	
1929	Speculative house	Medina, WA	E. C. Edwards	
1929	Speculative house	313 36 <sup>th</sup> Ave E	E. C. Edwards	
1929	Castlewood Apt. Building	2717 Franklin Ave E	Wood & Milner Corp.	Art Moderne
1930	Dunn Beach House	Bainbridge, WA	John Dunn	
1931	St. Edwards Church	3221 N Third Street, Shelton, WA	Archdiocese of Seattle	demolished
c.1933	Small residence		L. N. Small	Norman
1933	Kachlein residence	Broadmoor	George F. Kachlein, Jr.	Georgian
c.1935	Speculative house	626 Hillside Drive E	E. C. Edwards	w/ Alban A. Shay
c.1935	Speculative house	630 Hillside Drive E	E. C. Edwards	w/ Alban A. Shay
1935	Edwards residence	303 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave E	E. C. Edwards	w/ Alban A. Shay
1935	Model house	Sheridan Beach, Lake Forest Park	Puget Mill Co.	w/ Alban A. Shay, project
1936	Grapp residence	1660 E Boston Terrace	George L. Grapp	w/ Alban A. Shay
1936	Thiry residence	330 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave E	P. A. Thiry	w/ Alban A. Shay,

<sup>127</sup> Valerie Bunn, "Modern Architecture in Wedgewood," <http://wedgewoodinseattlehistory.com/2012/04/30/modern-architecture-in-wedgewood/more-914> (accessed May 2012).

<sup>129</sup> Houser, "Thiry, Paul (1904-1993)," Docomomo WEWA, [http://www.docomomo-wewa.org/architects\\_detail.php?id.Clausen](http://www.docomomo-wewa.org/architects_detail.php?id.Clausen), p. 249.

<sup>130</sup> Hancock, p. 8.

<sup>131</sup> United States Social Security Administration Death Index, Washington, "Paul A Thiry," <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Record/View/2E5820D58F92D3729DF61EF5120DA083> (accessed May 2012).

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1937	Barrett residence <sup>132</sup>	4350 53 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Frank J. Barrett	w/ Alban A. Shay, Modern
1937	Bragg residence	Magnolia	E.J. Bragg	w/ Alban A. Shay, Modern
1937	Nichols residence	1600 E Boston Terrace		w/ Alban A. Shay, Modern
1937	Shroat residence	530 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	Loren G. Shroat	w/ Alban A. Shay
1939	Huntington residence		Gloria Huntington	w/ Alban A. Shay
1939	Albert Kerry residence <sup>133</sup>	Normandy Park, WA	Albert S. Kerry, Jr.	w/ Alban A. Shay
1939	Olive Kerry residence <sup>134</sup>	Normandy Park, WA	Olive Kerry	w/ Alban A. Shay
1939	Nash residence	Olympia, WA	Sy Nash	w/ Alban A. Shay, Modern
1939	Thomas residence	3410 East John Street	R. F. Thomas	w/ Alban A. Shay
1940	Wallace residence	Blue Ridge	Howard O. Wallace	
1941	Our Lady of the Lake Church	8900 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Archdiocese of Seattle	demolished
1940- 1943	Military housing	Port Orchard, WA	U.S. Navy	w/ others <sup>135</sup>
1943- 1944	Naval Advance Base Depot	Tacoma, WA	U.S. Navy	w/ others, <sup>136</sup> demolished
1943	Holly Park Housing		Federal Works Agency	w/ others, <sup>137</sup> demolished
c.1945	Lewis residence <sup>138</sup>	Redmond, WA	George H. Lewis	
1946	McDonald residence	1217 39 <sup>th</sup> Ave E	Charles H. McDonald, Sr.	Demolished 2008
1946	Wilson Ceramic Laboratory		University of Washington	Altered
1946	Huling Brothers Car Dealership	4545 Fauntleroy Ave	Huling Brothers	w/ John T. Ridley, demolished
1946	Stimson Building	Salt Lake City, UT	C. D. Stimson Co.	
1946	Thiry Architecture Office	800 Columbia Street	P. A. Thiry	Demolished
1947	Residence	10700 Marine View Dr SW		
1947	Laucks residence	Orcas Island, WA	J. F. Laucks	
1947	Stimson residence <sup>139</sup>	Richmond Beach, WA	Thomas D.	AIA 1953 Honor

<sup>132</sup> *Architectural Record*, "House on Sloping Plot in Seattle," 86:5, November 1939, pp. 89-91.

<sup>133</sup> *House Beautiful*, "Brother and Sister Act ..." 83, July/August 1941, pp. 52-53.

<sup>134</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>135</sup> The name of the firm was "Jones, Bouillon, Thiry, & Syliaasen."

<sup>136</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>137</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>138</sup> *Architectural Record*, "Washington: Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Georg H. Lewis, Overlake, Wash., Paul Thiry, Architect," 98:6, December 1945, p. 120.

<sup>139</sup> F. W. Dodge Corp., "*Treasury of Contemporary Houses*," 1954.



			Stimson	Award
1947	Rogers residence	Ellensburg, WA	Alan Rogers	
1947	Kent Motors	Kent, WA	Kent Motors	
1948	Church of Christ the King <sup>140</sup>	11556 Phinney Avenue	Archdiocese of Seattle	AIA 1950 Honor Award
1948	Electrical Engineering Bldg.		University of Washington	Altered
1948	Botany Greenhouse		U. of Washington	
1948	Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School	3520 NE 89 <sup>th</sup> Street	Archdiocese of Seattle	
1949	Alhadeff residence <sup>141</sup>	1366 Lakeside Ave. S	Charles D. Alhadeff	
1949	Dairy Barns	Pullman, WA	Wash. State Univ.	
1949	Martin & Eckmann	4345 University Way NE	C. D. Stimson Co.	Altered
1949	St. Anthony's Church	217 Tremont St., Missoula, MT	Diocese of Helena	
1950	Museum of History and Industry	2700 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E	Seattle Historical Society	Demolished 2015, AIA 1955 Honor Award
1951	Tire Storage Warehouse	Mt. Rainier Ord. Depot		
1951	Fire Station	Paine Field	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
1952	Regent's Hill Dormitory <sup>142</sup>	Pullman, WA	Washington State University	AIA 1953 Honor Award
1952	Frye Art Museum	704 Terry Ave.	Charles & Emma Frye	Altered
1952	Bullitt Cabin	Squak Mt., Issaquah, WA	Stimson Bullitt	Destroyed
1952	Phi Mu Sorority	4540 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	Eta Beta Corp.	
1952	Kuney-Johnson Building	Seattle	Lloyd W. Johnson	
1953	St. George Church and Friary	5300 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S	Archdiocese of Seattle	AIA 1955 Honor Award
1953	Moe residence	Ellensburg, WA	Eric Moe	
1954	Northeast Branch Library <sup>143</sup>	6801 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Seattle Public Library	altered, w/ others, Seattle Landmark, AIA 1955 Honor Award, City of Seattle Landmark
1954	General Headquarters Admin. Bldg.	Auburn, WA	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	

<sup>140</sup> *Architectural Forum*, "Church Architecture," 91, December 1949, pp. 57-73.

<sup>141</sup> Victor Steinbrueck, *A Guide to Seattle Architecture, 1850-1953*, (New York: Reinhold Publishing Co., 1953), p. 32.

<sup>142</sup> *Architectural Forum*, "Dormitory Rooms: Planning for Maximum Spaciousness with Minimal Space," vol. 95, September 1951, pp. 174-177.

<sup>143</sup> *Architectural Forum*, "Branch Library, Family Style, Northeast Branch Public Library," vol. 104, February 1956, pp. 152-153.

1954	McGrath residence	3272 NW Esplanade	Justin McGrath	
1954	Brownell residence <sup>144</sup>	The Highlands, Shoreline, WA	Francis Brownwell, Jr.	
1955	Tecler Aluminum Products Co. and Factory	1250 Mercer Street	Tecler Alum. Products Co.	demolished
1955	Swimming pool factory	McChord Airbase, WA	U. S. Army	
1955	Ready crew building	McChord Airbase, WA	U. S. Army	
1956 <sup>145</sup>	Thiry vacation cabin	Wilson Creek Rd, Ellensburg	Paul Thiry	
1956	Northgate Elementary School	11725 First Ave NE	Seattle Public Schools	w/ Hostmark
1956	Residence halls	Pullman, WA	Wash. State Univ.	
1956	St. Pius X Parish Dev.	Mountlake Terrace, WA	Archdiocese of Seattle	
1957	Covenant Chapel	Seattle		
1957	Wanamaker residence		Allison Wanamaker	
1958	State Library <sup>146</sup>	Capitol Mall, Olympia, WA	Washington State	w/Hostmark, now Joel M. Pritchard Bldg., AIA 1963 Merit Award
1958	Haggard Hall (Science)	Bellingham, WA	Western WA State College	
1958	Reserve Training Ct.	Sand Point, Seattle	13 <sup>th</sup> Naval District	
1959	Sacred Heart of Jesus	205 Second Avenue	Archdiocese of Seattle	
1959	Cedar Park Elementary School	3737 NE 135th Street	Seattle Public Schools	w/ Hostmark. City of Seattle Landmark
1959	Higginson Hall	Bellingham, WA	Western WA State College	
1960	Vikings Common	Bellingham, WA	Western WA State College	
1960	Men's Residence Hall	Bellingham, WA	Western WA State College	
1960	Speculative house	1830 Iris Lane, Billings, MT		
1959- 1962	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Expo. Master Plan	Seattle Center	State of Washington	
1961	Embassy Residence	Santiago, Chile	State Department	
1961	Library	Bellingham, WA	Western WA State College	

<sup>144</sup> *Architectural Record*, "Architectural Record House of 1956," 1956, pp. 162-165.

<sup>145</sup> *Sunset Magazine*, "Sunset and AIA Pick the Seven Best Houses in the West," October 1957, p. 100.

<sup>146</sup> *Architectural Record*, "Harmony Without Imitation," August 1960, pp. 104-107.

1961	International Com. & Industry Bldgs	Seattle Center	City of Seattle	Demolished
1962	Nalley's Fine Foods Pavilion	Seattle Center	Nalley's Fine Foods	w/ Hostmark, demolished
1962	Seattle First National Bank Pavilion	Seattle Center	Seattle First National Bank	Demolished
1962	Ford Motor Pavilion	Seattle Center	Ford Motor Co.	Demolished
1962	Century 21 Coliseum/State of Washington Pavilion	Seattle Center	State of Washington	w/ Hostmark, altered, now Key Arena. City of Seattle Landmark
1962	West Seattle Branch <sup>147</sup>	4306 SW Edmunds St.	Seattle First National Bank	Altered
1962	Mercer Island Presbyterian Church	3605 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE	Mercer Island Presb. Church	Slightly altered
1962	Libby Dam plan	17115 Hwy 37N, Libby, MT	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	
1962	McPhaden residence <sup>148</sup>	18175 Normandy Terrace SW, Normandy Park, WA	Robert D. McPhaden	Demolished 2010
1963	Ye Olde Curiosity Shop	Pier 51	Joe James	Relocated to Pier 54
1963	St. Demetrios Orthodox Church #2	2100 Boyer Ave East	Diocese of San Francisco	w/ Hostmark
1964	Border Patrol Security HQ	Blaine, WA	General Service Administration	
1964	Border Patrol Security HQ	Spokane, WA	General Service Administration	
1965	Agnes Flanagan Library	615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR	Lewis & Clark College	Altered
1966	Delta Epsilon Fraternity	4508 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE	Delta Epsilon Fraternity	
1967	Washington Mutual Main Office	Second Ave and Spring St	Washington Mutual Bank	
c.1970	Hartzfeld Hall	615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR	Lewis & Clark College	
1970	Christ Episcopal Church	310 N K St, Tacoma, WA	Diocese of Olympia	w/ Hostmark, AIA 1974 Honor Award
1972	Biology-Psychology building	615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR	Lewis & Clark College	

<sup>147</sup> *Pacific Engineer and Builder*, "PE & B Profile: Paul Thiry," vol. 67, February 1962, p. 22.

<sup>148</sup> *Sunset*, "The house stands free of the beach...facing the weather," April 1967, pp. 106-108.

#### 4.7 Building Engineer: Donald G. Radcliffe, PE (1911-1999)

Donald G. Radcliffe, PE, stamped the structural drawings prepared for Northgate Elementary School. Although the drawings were prepared on Paul Thiry's title block, unlike other mid-century architect-engineer collaborative designs, Thiry himself did not add his stamp to the structural drawings, and they appear to have been checked by Radcliffe.

Donald G. Radcliffe was born on November 21, 1910 in Taylorville, Illinois.<sup>149</sup> He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1931 with a degree in Civil Engineering, and then attended UIUC as a graduate student in Civil Engineering until receiving his Master's Degree in 1934.<sup>150</sup> Radcliffe registered for the draft in 1941 while working for the U.S. State Department in Mexico City. He married Dorothy Clifton Sharp in Mexico in 1940.<sup>151</sup> He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, reaching the rank of Lt. Commander.<sup>152</sup> He then served as a Lieutenant the Naval Reserve between 1944 and 1946.<sup>153</sup>

In 1956 Radcliffe joined the Seattle engineering firm TRA, where he spent 27 years of his career. Significant projects with TRA included acting as the lead structural engineer for the original SeaTac Airport parking garage, counting the concrete garage's cantilevered helical ramps in the garage as a significant design achievement.<sup>154</sup>

Radcliffe taught structural engineering courses at the University of Washington School of Architecture for many years, starting in 1947.<sup>155</sup> Radcliffe and Dorothy lived in the Montlake neighborhood in 1958.<sup>156</sup> Radcliffe was inducted into the Structural Engineers Hall of Fame sometime around 1976.<sup>157</sup> He was classified as legally blind during the later phase of his career. In order to compensate for his visual impairment, he attached a TV camera to his computer monitor so he could to magnify structural plans.<sup>158</sup>

Radcliffe retired in 1983 and moved to Bainbridge Island, where he died in 1999.<sup>159</sup>

Known engineering designs by Radcliffe include:

- Northgate Elementary School (1957, Paul Thiry)
- Steinhart, Anderson & Theriault Architectural Offices, (1958-1959)
- 1264 Eastlake Avenue East Office Building, Seattle<sup>160</sup>
- SeaTac Airport parking garage (1967-1973, The Richardson Associates) *See figure 162.*

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<sup>149</sup> United States Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014, Ancestry.com.

<sup>150</sup> United States School Yearbooks, 1880-2012 *Illio*, 1932, Ancestry.com.

<sup>151</sup> Academia Mexicana de Genealogia y Heraldica, "Federal District, Mexico, Civil Registration Marriages, 1861-1950," Ancestry.com.

<sup>152</sup> Structural Engineers Association, Washington (SEAW), "Hall of Fame: Donald Radcliffe," <https://sites.google.com/site/seawhloffame/life-members/donald-radcliffe> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>153</sup> United States Military Registers, "Select Military Registers, 1862-1985," Ancestry.com.

<sup>154</sup> SEAW.

<sup>155</sup> Ibid.

<sup>156</sup> Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, "Faurot Residence," Seattle Historical Sites Index, 2009, <https://web6.seattle.gov/DPD/HistoricalSite/QueryResult.aspx?ID=2147015167> (accessed May 2019).

<sup>157</sup> SEAW.

<sup>158</sup> SEAW.

<sup>159</sup> Washington State Death Index, 1940-2014, Ancestry.com.

<sup>160</sup> PCAD, "Steinhart, Anderson and Theriault Architectural Offices, Eastlake, Seattle, WA," PCAD id 14633, <http://pcad.lib.washington.edu/building/14633/> (accessed May 2019).

#### 4.8 Building Contractor: Carl G. Anderson (1909-1980)

Carl Gustaf Anderson was born in 1909 in Seattle to Swedish parents Anders Gustaf Anderson and Anna Senobia Anderson.<sup>161</sup> He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church,<sup>162</sup> and a member of the Lutheran Inkwell club at the University of Washington, from which he graduated in 1928.<sup>163</sup> He registered for the draft in 1940 at age 31. At that time he worked for Henry Boldt, Lathing Contractor.<sup>164</sup> In 1943 he worked as the floor manager of the Olympic Hotel.<sup>165</sup> By 1948 he was married to Olive.<sup>166</sup> By 1953 he was listed with the Anderson Construction Company, located at 12362 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.<sup>167</sup>

Known works by Carl G. Anderson include:

- Northgate Elementary School (1957, Paul Thiry)
- Our Savior Lutheran Church, 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE & NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street (1963, Merle Probst)<sup>168</sup>

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<sup>161</sup> Swenson Swedish Immigration Center Rock Island, Illinois, USA; "Swedish American Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and Burials, Gethsemane Lutheran Church," Ancestry.com.

<sup>162</sup> *Seattle Times*, "Building Will Be Dedicated," September 28, 1963, p. 5.

<sup>163</sup> United States School Yearbooks, *Tye*, 1928, Ancestry.com.

<sup>164</sup> National Archives, St. Louis, MO, "WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," Records of the Selective Service System, Ancestry.com.

<sup>165</sup> United States City Directories, 1822-1995, Ancestry.com.

<sup>166</sup> Ibid.

<sup>167</sup> This address now refers to a 12-unit apartment building, constructed in 1958.

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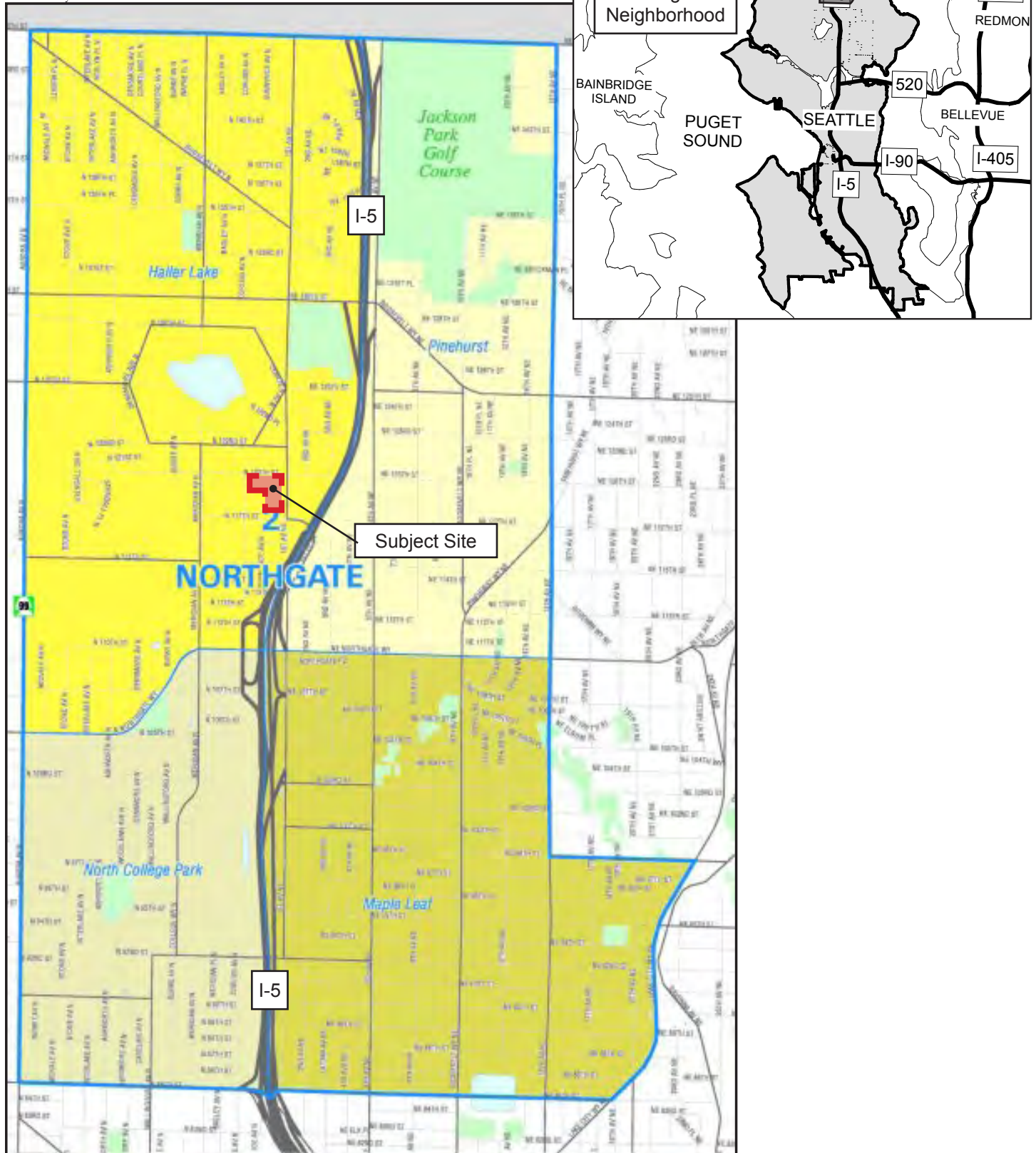
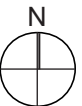


Figure 1 • Location Maps



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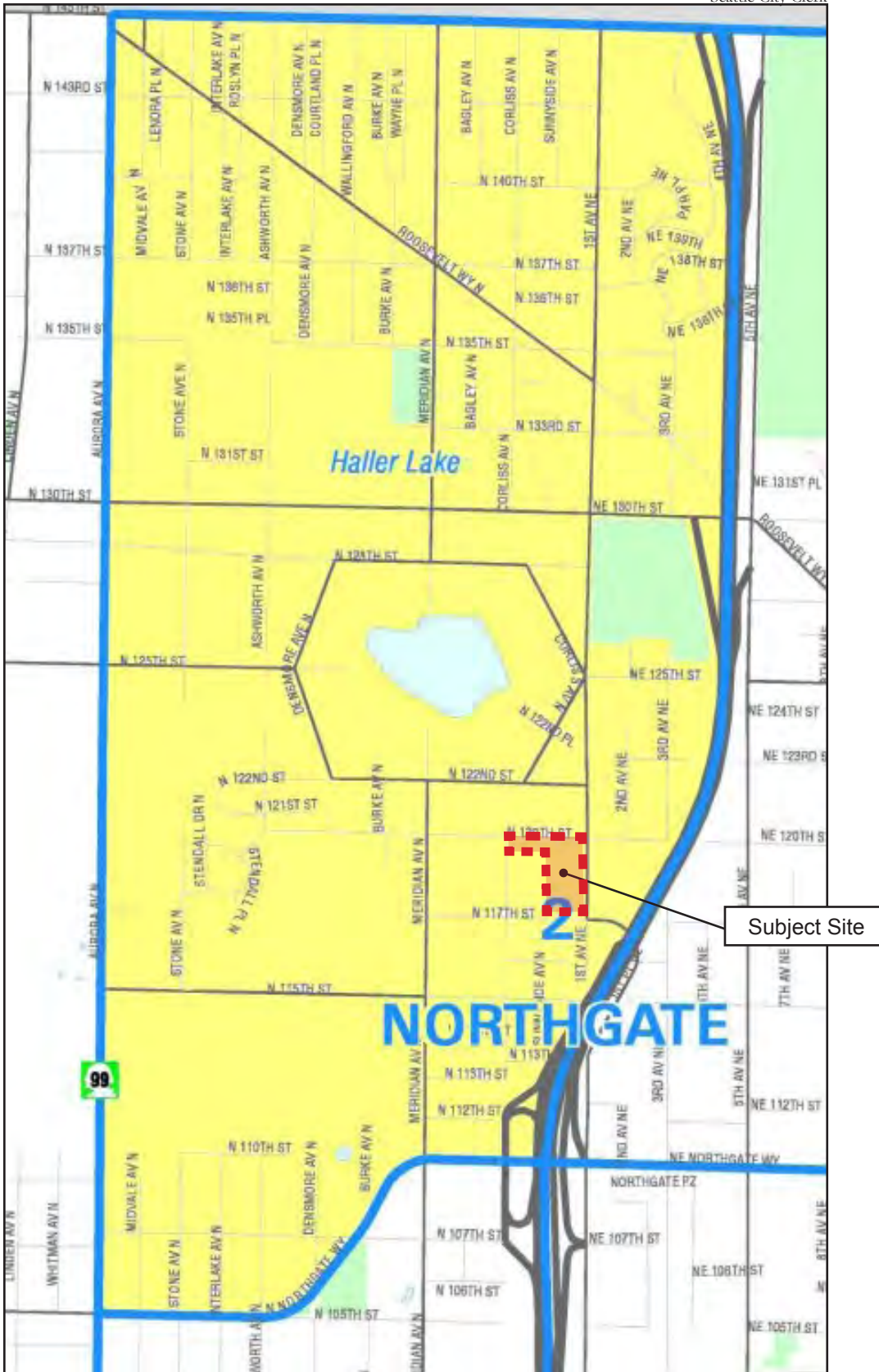


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Figure 3 • Aerial View

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Figure 5 • View B - Viewing west on N 120th Street





Figure 6 • View C - Viewing west on N 117th Street



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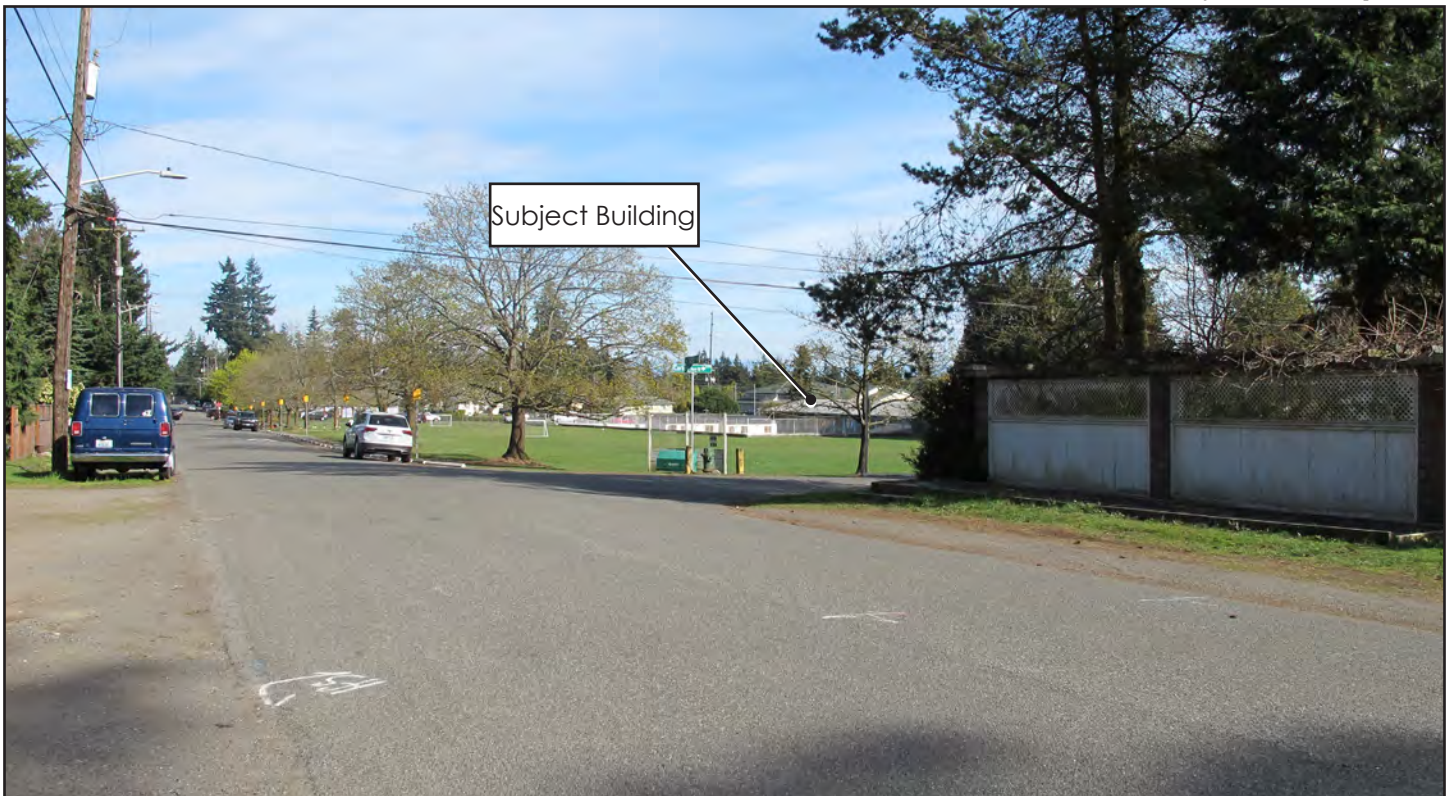


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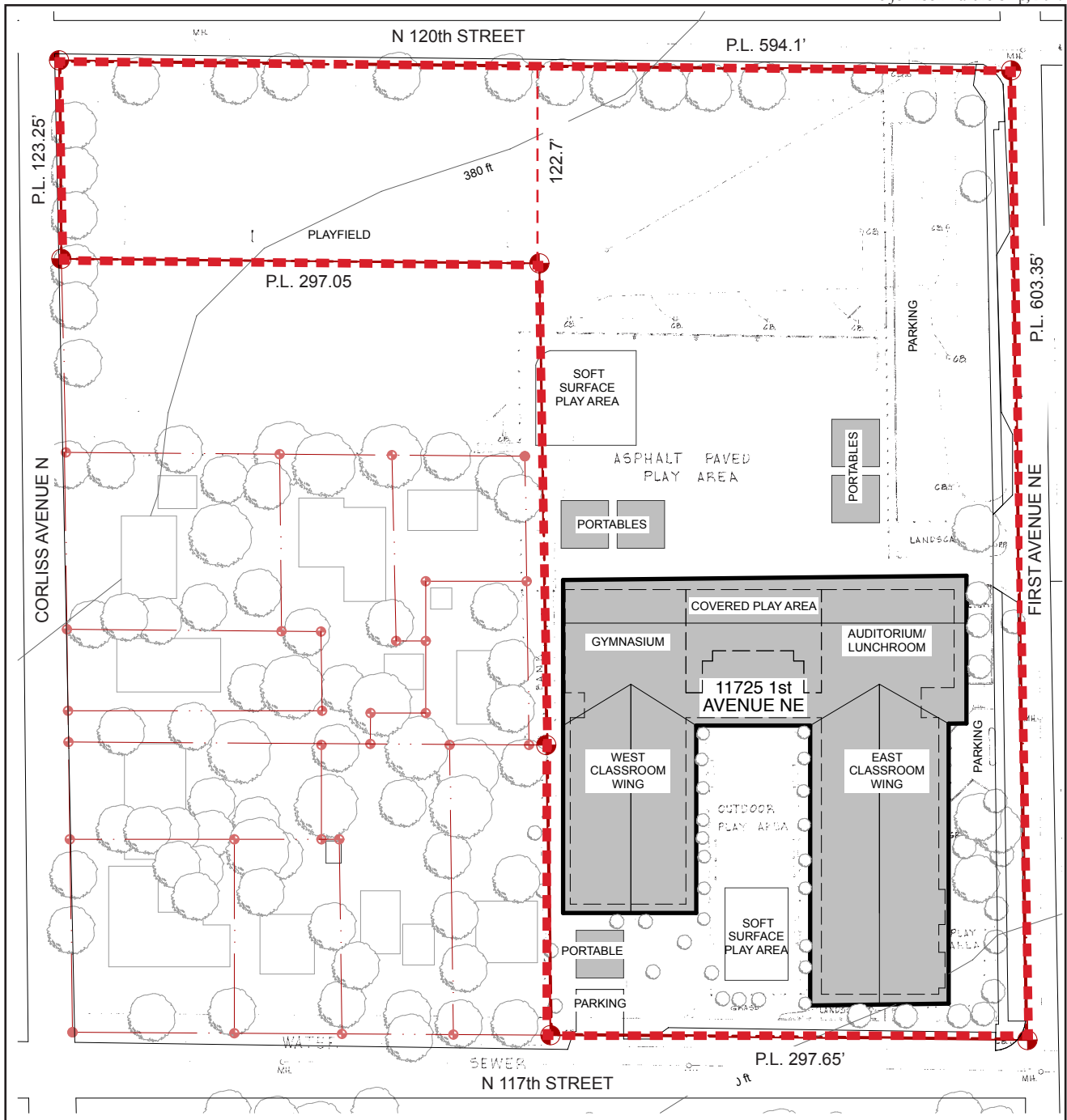


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Figure 11 • Northgate Elementary, aerial view





Figure 12 • Northgate Elementary, southern portable



Figure 13 • Northgate Elementary, southern enclosed play area

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Figure 15 • Northgate Elementary, northern playcourt and portables viewing northeast





Figure 16 • Northgate Elementary, northeastern stairs to northern parking lot



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Figure 18 • Northgate Elementary, northern playfield viewing west



Figure 19 • Northgate Elementary, northern playfield viewing northeast





Figure 20 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing façade, north end



Figure 21 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing façade, central

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Figure 22 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, eastern façade, canopy detail



Figure 23 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, eastern façade, main entry detail

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Figure 24 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, eastern façade, south end



Figure 25 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, eastern façade, kindergarten window detail





Figure 26 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, kindergarten play area viewing north



Figure 27 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, kindergarten play area viewing south





Figure 28 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, southeastern corner



Figure 29 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, southern façade

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Figure 30 • Northgate Elementary, eastern classroom wing, western façade



Figure 31 • Northgate Elementary, connecting corridor, southern façade

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Figure 32 • Northgate Elementary, central enclosed play area looking south



Figure 33 • Northgate Elementary, central enclosed play area looking north





Figure 34 • Northgate Elementary, central enclosed play area, wall detail



Figure 35 • Northgate Elementary, western classroom wing, eastern façade

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Figure 36 • Northgate Elementary, western classroom wing, southern façade



Figure 37 • Northgate Elementary, western classroom wing, western façade, southern end

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Figure 38 • Northgate Elementary, western classroom wing, western façade, northern end



Figure 39 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade



Figure 40 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, mesh wall detail

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Figure 41 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, gymnasium window and soffit detail



Figure 42 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, northern façade between portables

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Figure 43 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, covered playcourt viewing east



Figure 44 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, covered playcourt viewing west





Figure 45 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, covered playcourt storage



Figure 46 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, covered playcourt, exposed concrete ceiling detail





Figure 47 • Northgate Elementary, northern façade, exterior bent and soffit detail

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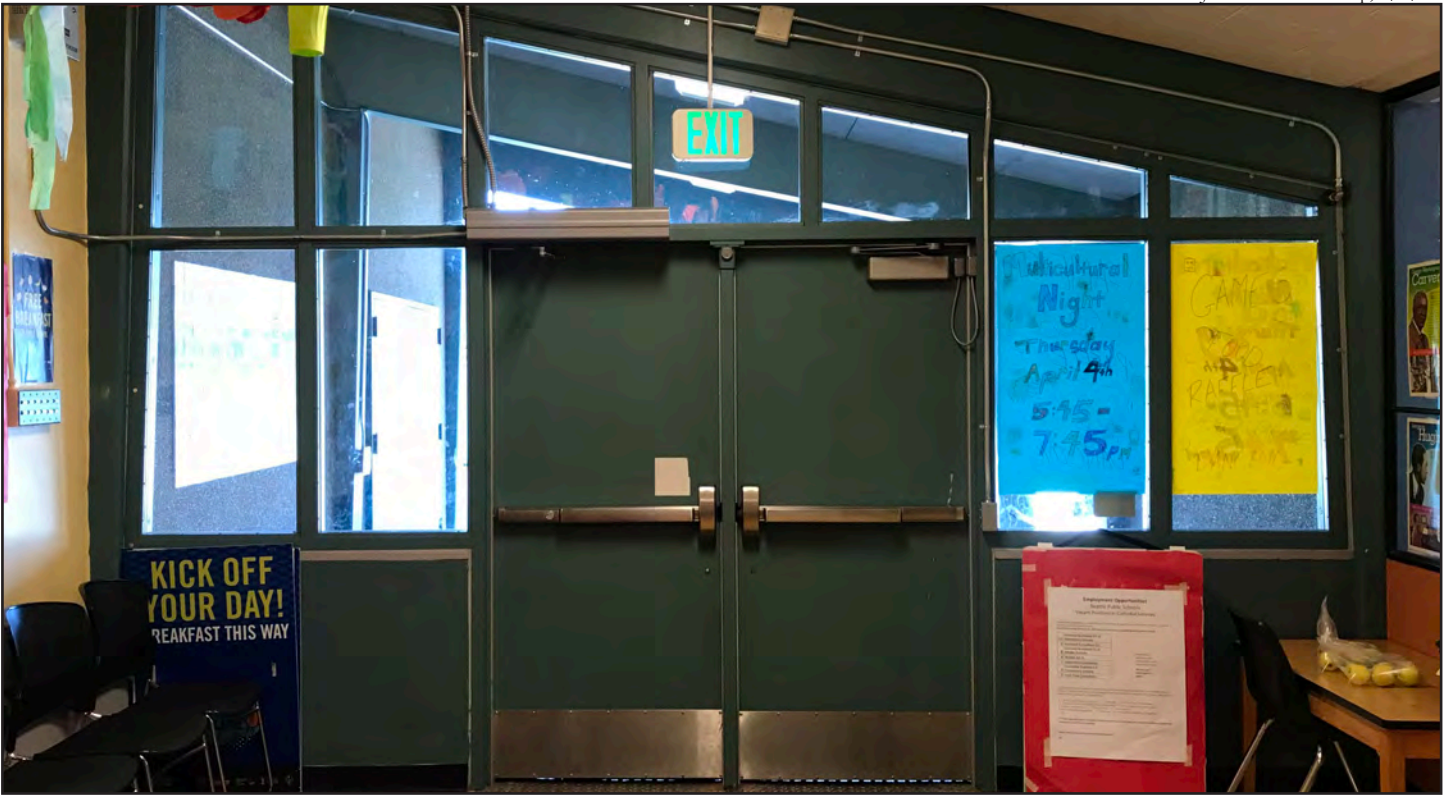


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Figure 51 • Northgate Elementary, locker details





Figure 52 • Northgate Elementary, kindergarten classroom



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Figure 54 • Northgate Elementary, typical classroom



Figure 55 • Northgate Elementary, typical classroom





Figure 56 • Northgate Elementary, library looking north



Figure 57 • Northgate Elementary, library looking south, computer area





Figure 58 • Northgate Elementary, auditorium & lunchroom viewing northeast



Figure 59 • Northgate Elementary, auditorium & lunchroom





Figure 60 • Northgate Elementary, auditorium & lunchroom, ceiling detail



Figure 61 • Northgate Elementary, connecting corridor, viewing east

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Figure 62 • Northgate Elementary, typical restroom



Figure 63 • Northgate Elementary, western classroom wing, corridor looking north

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Figure 64 • Northgate Elementary, gymnasium viewing west



Figure 65 • Northgate Elementary, gymnasium viewing east





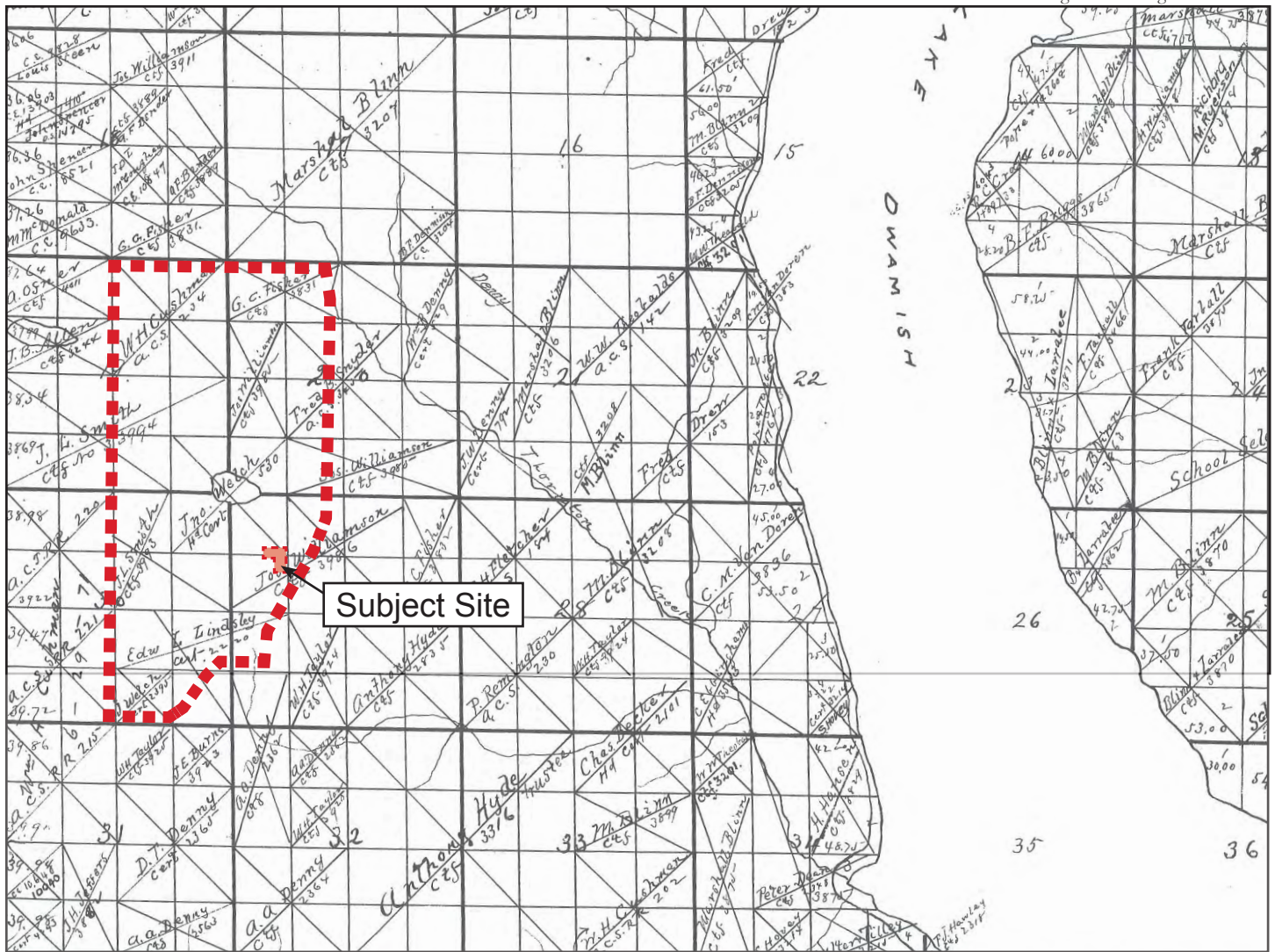


Figure 67 • Certificate Map, 1862-1901

Corresponds with present day Northgate neighborhood boundary



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Figure 71 • Seattle-to-Everett Interurban Station at Playland, Bitter Lake, ca. 1932



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Figure 76 • Students outside original Oak Lake School, 1894 (demolished)



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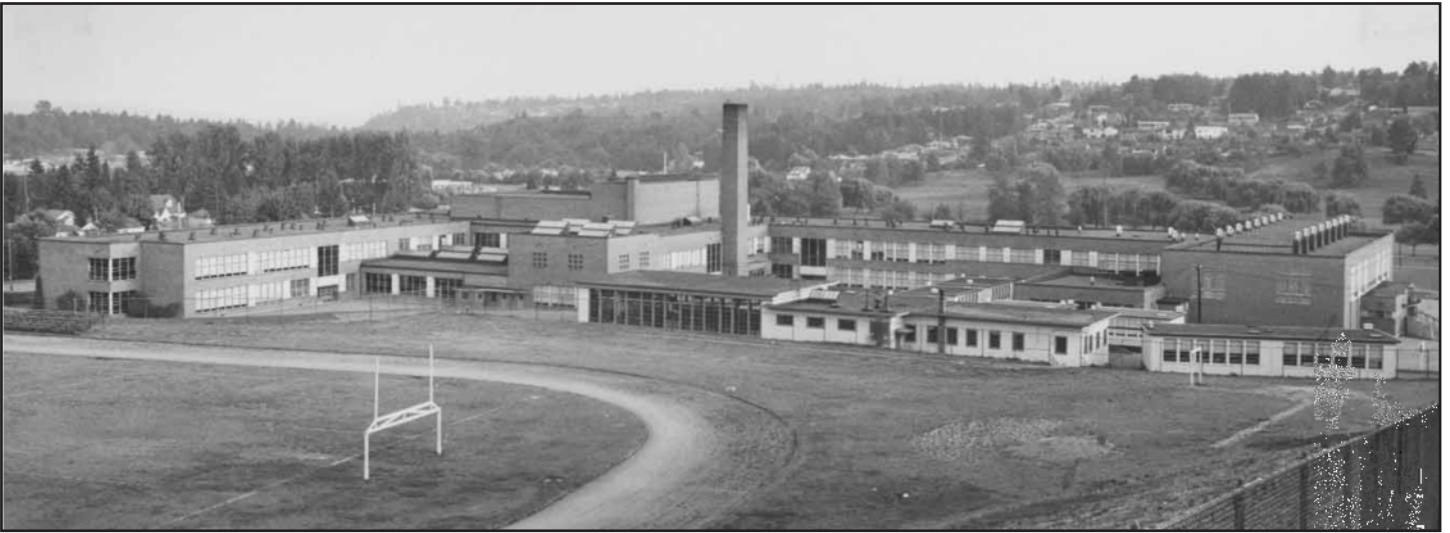


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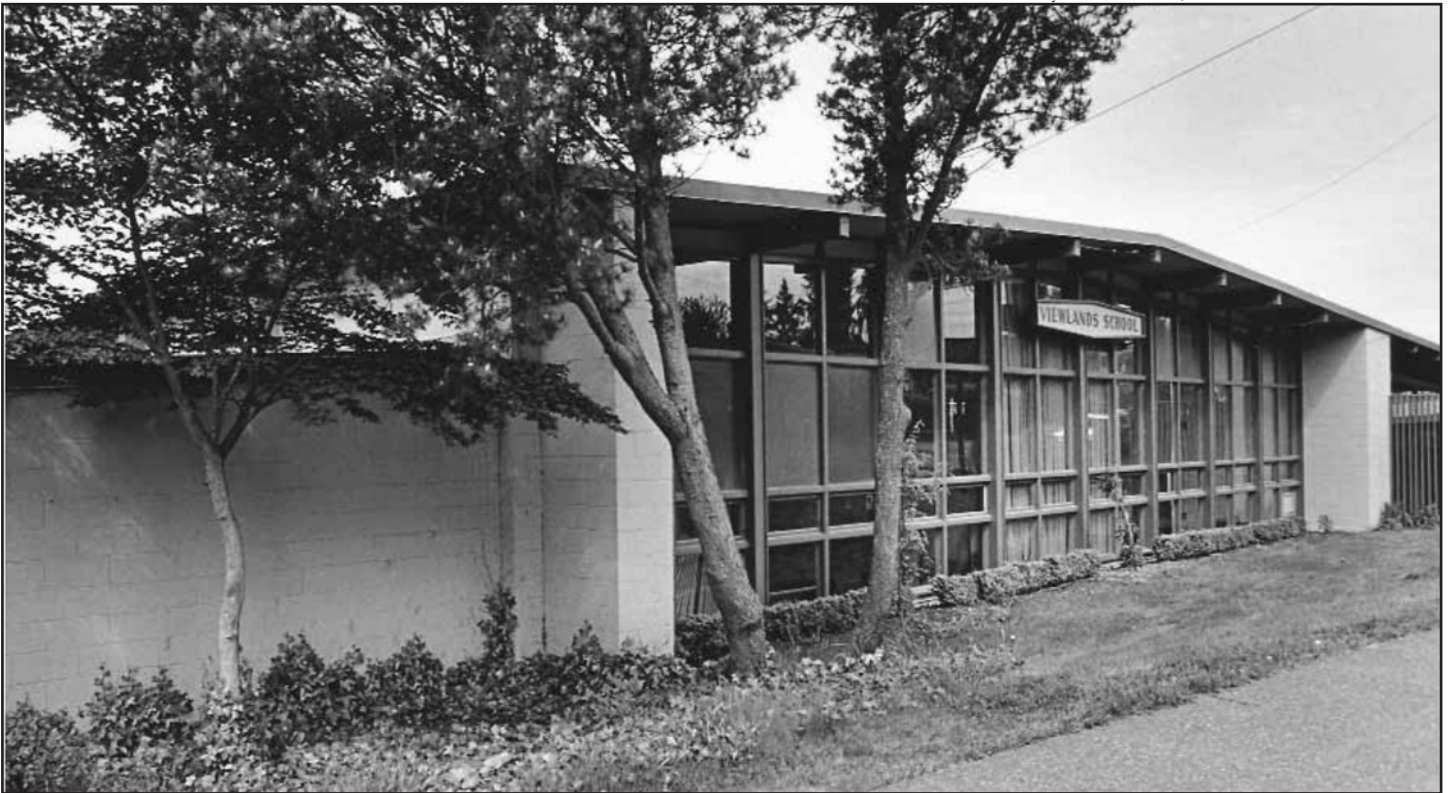


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Figure 90 • Sacajawea Elementary (1959, Waldron & Dietz)

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Figure 91 • Olympic View (1989, Eric Meng Associates)



Figure 92 • Olympic Hills Elementary (2017, McGranahan)



Figure 93 • Cascadia Elementary (2017, Mahlum, former Woodrow Wilson location)

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Figure 94 • South Haller Lake Elementary School, 1954



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Figure 96 • Tax Assessor Photo, 1955



Figure 97 • Tax Assessor Photo, 1955



Figure 98 • Northgate Elementary School, in front of portables, 1955



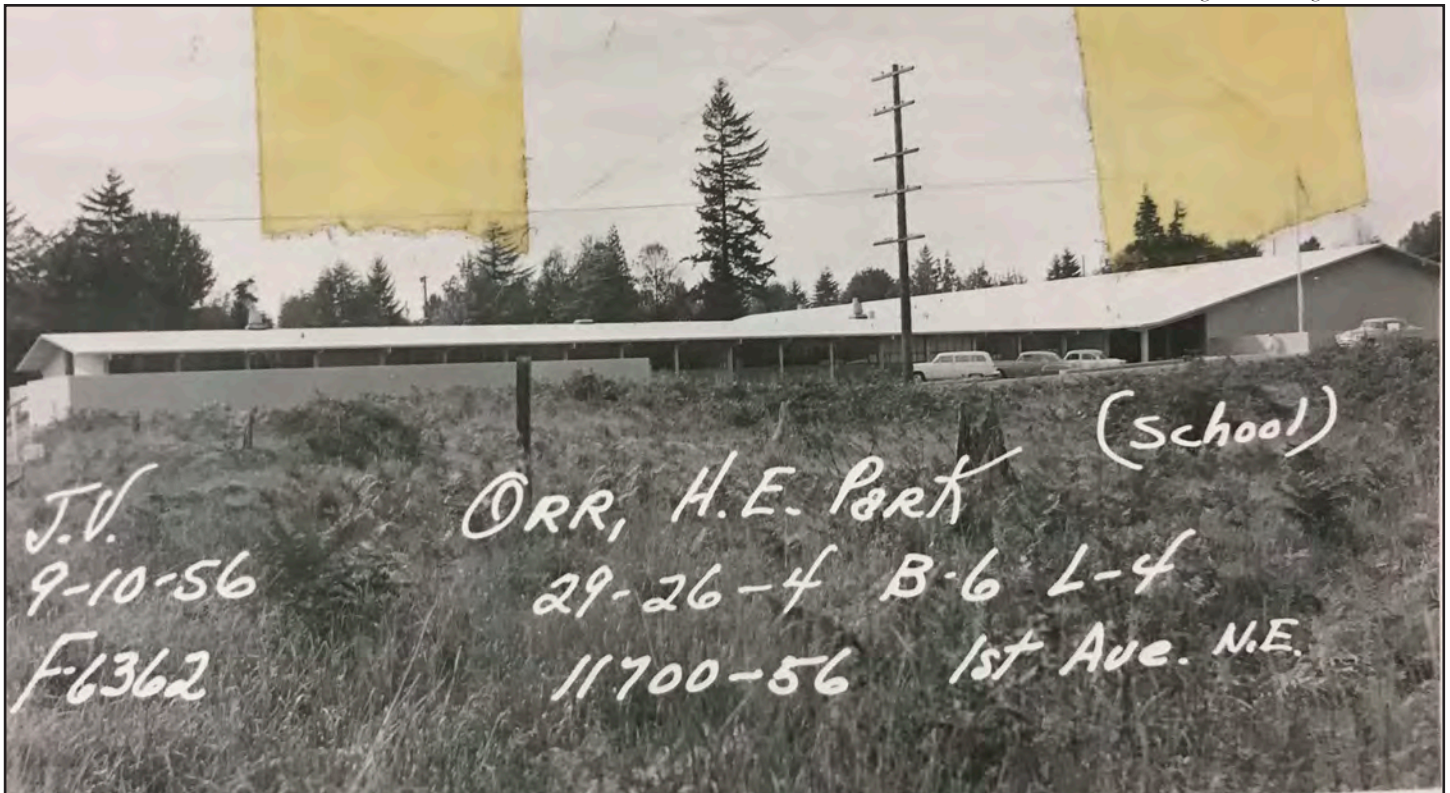


Figure 99 • Tax Assessor Photo, 1956



Figure 100 • Northgate Elementary School, corner of First Avenue NE and N 117th Street, circa 1958





Figure 101 • Northgate Elementary School, east elevation, 2000



Figure 102 • Northgate Elementary School, east elevation detail, 1960

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Figure 103 • Northgate Elementary School, north elevation from future playfield, circa 1956



Figure 104 • Northgate Elementary School, in front of main entry, 1956





Figure 105 • Northgate Elementary School, aerial view, circa 1956





Figure 106 • Bellingham High School (1938, Floyd Naramore)

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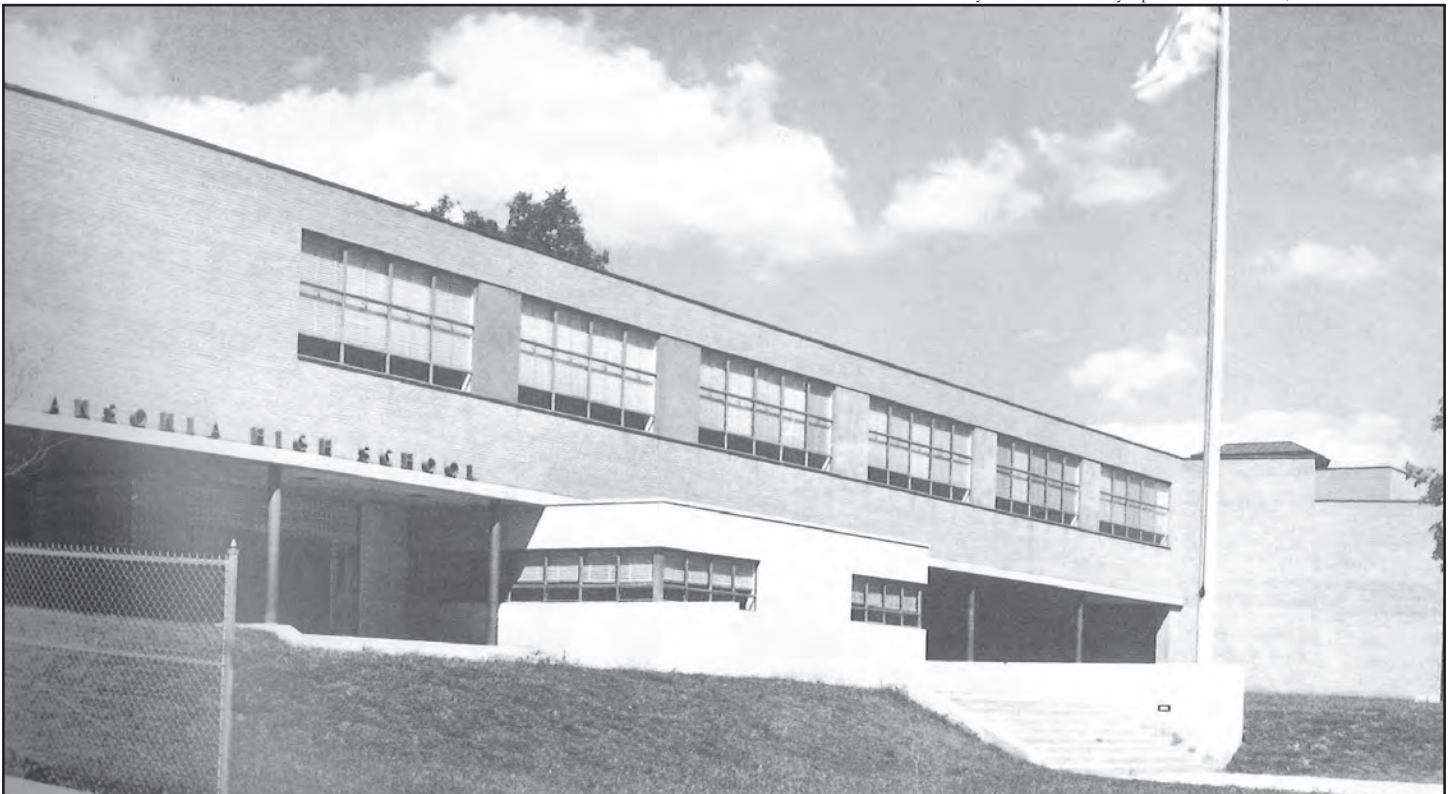


Figure 107 • Ansonia High School, Connecticut (1937, William Lescaze)





Figure 108 • Crow Island School, Winnetka, Illinois (1940, Eliel Saarinen)



Figure 109 • Corona Avenue School, California (1935, Richard Neutra)

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Figure 110 • Acalanes Union High School, Lafayette, CA (1939-40, Franklin & Kump)

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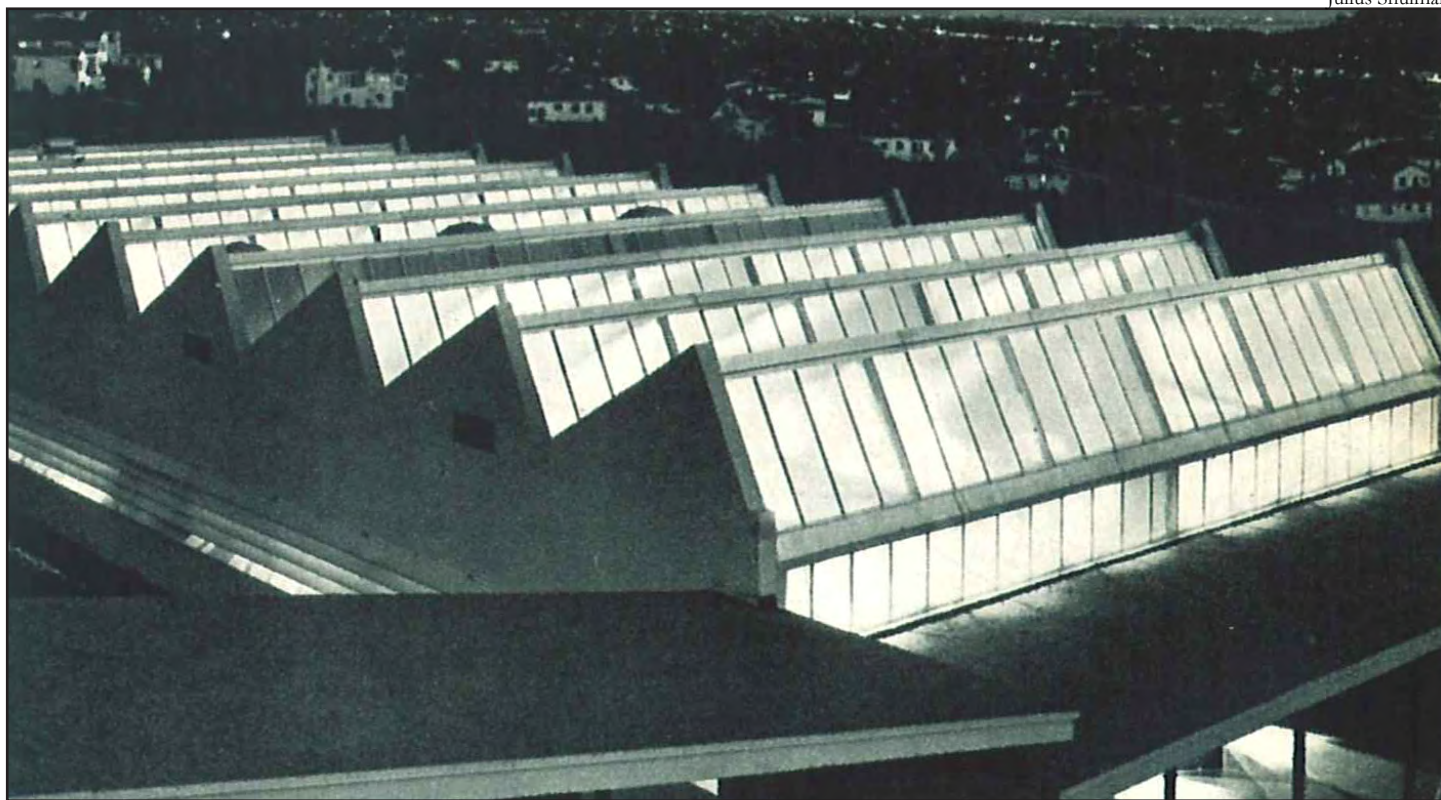
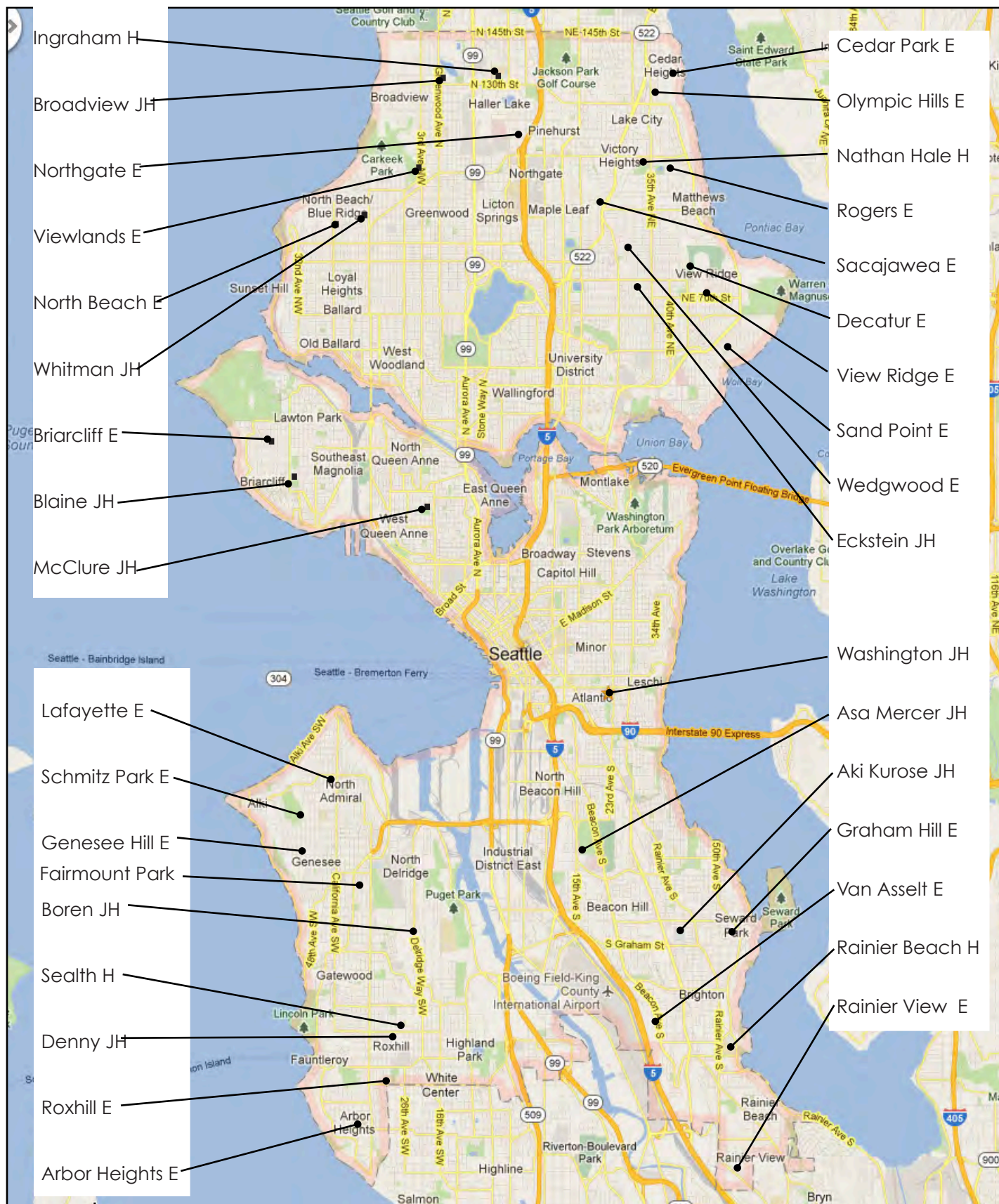


Figure 111 • Portola Junior High School, El Cerrito, CA (1951, John Carl Warneke, demolished 2015)





Figure 112 • Lincoln High School Gymnasium, Seattle (1958, NBBJ)



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# View Ridge Elementary

48th Avenue NE  
1948, William Mallis



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## Notes:

- Roman brick masonry construction with original steel-sash windows.

William Mallis also designed Sharples/Kurose Junior High (1952) & Eckstein Junior High (1950, City of Seattle Landmark).

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Figure 114 • View Ridge Elementary (1948, William Mallis)



# Arbor Heights Elementary (Demolished)

3701 SW 104 Street

1949, George W. Stoddard



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Roman brick and stone masonry construction.
- Retains original steel sash windows.
- Stoddard designed three additions to the school (1950, 1953, 1957).

Stoddard also designed Briarcliff Elementary (1949, demolished), Genesee Hill Elementary (1949, demolished), and Sand Point Elementary with Francis Huggard (1958).



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Figure 115 • Arbor Heights Elementary (1949, George W. Stoddard, demolished)

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# Briarcliff Elementary (Demolished)

3901 W Dravus Street

1949, George W. Stoddard



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## Notes:

- Roman brick masonry and stone construction.
- Surplused, and demolished in 2004.

Stoddard also designed Arbor Heights Elementary (1949, demolished), Genesee Hill Elementary (1949, demolished), and Sand Point Elementary with Francis Huggard (1958).



Figure 116 • Briarcliff Elementary (1949, George W. Stoddard, demolished)

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# Genesee Hill Elementary (Demolished)

5012 SW Genesee Street  
1949, George W. Stoddard



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Roman brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Closed in 2009.
- Stoddard designed the northern addition in 1953.

Stoddard also designed Arbor Heights Elementary (1949, demolished), Briarcliff Elementary (1949, demolished), and Sand Point Elementary with Francis Huggard (1958).



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Figure 117 • Genesee Hill Elementary (1949, George W. Stoddard, demolished)



# Lafayette Elementary

2645 California Ave SW

1950 Addition, John Graham & Co.



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Roman brick masonry construction.
- Windows sensitively replaced.
- John Graham & Co. also designed the 1953 addition.
- Roof monitors for classroom lighting

John Graham & Co. also designed North Beach Elementary (1958), Olympic Hills Elementary (1954, demolished), Roxhill Elementary (1958, now BRIDGES), Wedgwood Elementary (1955), and Washington Middle School (1963).



Figure 118 • Lafayette Elementary (1950 Addition, John Graham & Co.)

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# Van Asselt Elementary

8311 Beacon Avenue S

1950, Jones & Bindon

The Johnson Partnership, 2018



## Notes:

- Brick masonry with steel construction.
- Windows replaced in 2006.
- Original 1909 Landmarked building is also located on the site.

This is the only new freestanding school designed for SPS by Jones & Bindon during this period, although they designed a major addition at Crown Hill, and later Bindon & Wright designed major additions at Harrison (later Martin Luther King Jr.) and Leschi.

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Figure 119 • Van Asselt Elementary (1950, Jones & Bindon)



# Olympic Hills Elementary (Demolished)

13018 20th Avenue NE

1953, John Graham & Co.



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Roman brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Roof monitors for classroom lighting

John Graham & Co. also designed Lafayette Elementary (1961), North Beach Elementary (1958), Roxhill Elementary (1958, now BRIDGES), Wedgwood Elementary (1955), and Washington Middle School (1963).



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Figure 120 • Olympic Hills Elementary (1953, John Graham & Co., demolished)



# Viewlands Elementary

10523 Third Avenue NW

1954, Mallis & DeHart



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



## Notes:

- Concrete block and brick masonry construction.
- Frame roof.
- Replacement windows and other recent upgrades.

Mallis & DeHart designed Whitman Junior High (1959), Denny Junior High (1952, demolished), and Nathan Hale High (1963) for SPS.

Mallis & DeHart designed Wilson Junior High (1954, demolished) and Pinehurst Elementary (1953, demolished) for the Shoreline School District, but these schools were gained by annexation.

William Mallis designed Sharples/Kurose Junior High (1952), Eckstein Junior High (1950, City of Seattle Landmark), and View Ridge Elementary (1948).

Mallis, DeHart & Hopkins designed Addams Junior High (1954), which was gained by SPS through annexation.



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Figure 121 • Viewlands Elementary (1954, Mallis & DeHart)

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# Wedgwood Elementary

2720 NE 85th Street

1955, John Graham & Co.



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Pre-cast and cast-in-place concrete.
- Replacement windows.

John Graham & Co. also designed Lafayette Elementary (1961), North Beach Elementary (1958), Olympic Hills Elementary (1954, demolished), Roxhill Elementary (1958, now BRIDGES), and Washington Middle School (1963).



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Figure 122 • Wedgwood Elementary (1955, John Graham & Co.)

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# Northgate Elementary

11725 First Avenue NE

1956, Paul Thiry



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Precast concrete construction.
- Some replacement windows of same similar configuration to original.

Thiry also designed Cedar Park Elementary (1959, City of Seattle Landmark) for SPS, as well as Our Lady of the Lake and St. Pius X for the Archdiocese of Seattle.



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Mary Randlett, 2000, Seattle Public Schools



Figure 123 • Northgate Elementary (1956, Paul Thiry)

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# John Rogers Elementary

4030 NE 109 Street

1956, Theo Damm



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Brick masonry construction with some steel.
- Retains original steel-sash windows.

Theo Damm also designed Graham Hill Elementary (1961).



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Figure 124 • John Rogers Elementary (1956, Theo Damm)

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# North Beach Elementary

9012 24th Avenue NW

1958, John Graham & Co.



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Figure 125 • North Beach Elementary (1958, John Graham & Co.)

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete.
- Retains original aluminum sash windows.

John Graham & Co. also designed Lafayette Elementary (1961), Olympic Hills Elementary (1954, demolished), Roxhill Elementary (1958, now BRIDGES), Wedgwood Elementary (1955), and Washington Middle School (1963).

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# Roxhill Elementary

9034 30th Avenue SW  
1958, John Graham & Co.



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## Notes:

- Masonry and concrete construction.
- Some windows replaced.

John Graham & Co. also designed Lafayette Elementary (1961), North Beach Elementary (1958), Olympic Hills Elementary (1954, demolished), Wedgwood Elementary (1955), and Washington Middle School (1963).

Roxhill Elementary program is currently housed in E. C. Hughes. Special education program BRIDGES now occupies the former Roxhill building.



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Figure 126 • Roxhill Elementary (1958, John Graham & Co.)

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# Sand Point Elementary

6208 60th Avenue NE  
1958, George Stoddard and Francis Huggard



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## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Insensitive addition of roof insulation.

This is the only school for SPS that Stoddard and Huggard share credit for.

Stoddard also designed Arbor Heights Elementary (1949, demolished), Briarcliff Elementary (1949, demolished), and Genesee Hill Elementary (1949, demolished).



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Figure 127 • Sand Point Elementary (1958, G. Stoddard & F. Huggard)

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# Cedar Park Elementary (City of Seattle Landmark)

13224 37th Avenue NE

1959, Paul Thiry



The Johnson Partnership, May 2012



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Figure 128 • Cedar Park Elementary (1959, Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark)

## Notes:

- Precast concrete construction.
- Retains original windows.
- Some changes to interior and exterior openings.
- Rehabilitated 2017.

Thiry also designed Northgate Elementary (1956) for SPS, as well as Our Lady of the Lake and St. Pius X for the Archdiocese of Seattle.

# Sacajawea Elementary

9501 20th Avenue NE

1959, Waldron & Dietz



## Notes:

- Brick masonry and steel frame construction.
- Retains original aluminum-sash windows.
- Insensitive addition of roof insulation.

Waldron & Dietz also designed Broadview-Thomson Junior High (1963).



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Figure 129 • Sacajawea Elementary (1959, Waldron & Dietz)

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# Decatur Elementary

7711 43rd Avenue NE

1961, Edward Mahlum



## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Retains its original aluminum-sash windows.

Mahlum also designed McClure Junior High (1964).



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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Figure 130 • Decatur Elementary (1961, Edward Mahlum)

# Graham Hill Elementary

5149 South Graham Street

1961, Theo Damm



## Notes:

- Brick masonry.
- Retains original aluminum-sash windows.
- Recent addition on western side.
- Non-original supplemental fletch beam observed at overhang.

Theo Damm also designed Rogers Elementary (1956).



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Figure 131 • Graham Hill Elementary (1961, Theo Damm)



# Rainier View Elementary

11650 Beacon Avenue S  
1961, Durham, Anderson & Freed



## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Building renovated in 2011 with replacement windows and new entrance.

Durham, Anderson & Freed also designed Schmitz Park Elementary (1962).



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Figure 132 • Rainier View Elementary (1961, Durham Anderson & Freed)

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# Schmitz Park Elementary

5000 SW Spokane Street  
1962, Durham, Anderson & Freed



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Retains original aluminum-sash windows.

Durham, Anderson & Freed also designed Rainier View Elementary (1961).



Figure 133 • Schmitz Park Elementary (1962, Anderson & Freed, vacant)

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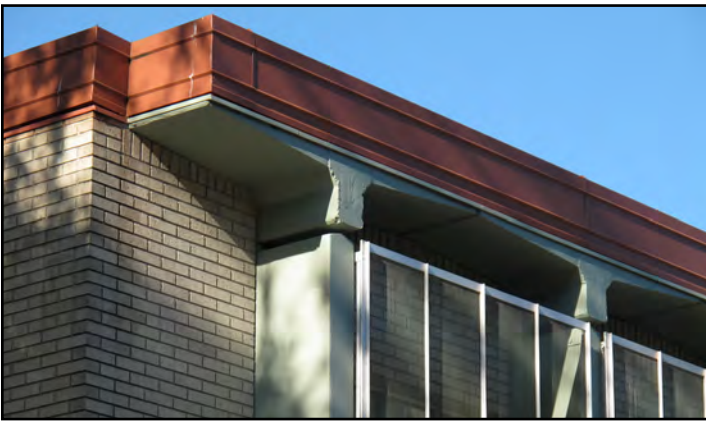
Broadview-Thomson Elementary (formerly R. H. Thomson Jr High)  
13052 Greenwood Avenue N  
1963, Waldron & Dietz



Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Retains original aluminum-sash.
- Lin-T concrete slab roof.
- Recent roof insulation upgrade.

Waldron & Dietz also designed Sacajawea Elementary (1959).



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Figure 134 • R. H. Thompson Junior High School (1963, Waldron & Dietz)

Fairmount Park School (altered, now Fairmount Park Elementary School)  
3800 SW Findlay Street  
1964, Carlson, Eley & Grevstad



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Notes:

- Brick masonry
- Flat roofs
- Aluminum windows

Carlson, Eley, & Grevstad designed the Fairmount Park School (1964).



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Figure 135 • Fairmount Park School (1964, Carlson, Eley & Grevstad, altered)



# Nathan Eckstein Middle School (City of Seattle Landmark)

3003 NE 75th Street

1950, William Mallis

The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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## Notes:

- Brick masonry with integral glass block.
- Retains original steel-sash windows.
- City of Seattle Landmark.

William Mallis also designed Sharples/Kurose Junior High (1952) and View Ridge Elementary (1948).

Mallis' firm, Mallis & DeHart, designed Whitman Junior High (1959), D. Denny Junior High (1952, demolished), Nathan Hale High School (1963), and Viewlands Elementary (1954) for SPS.

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Mallis, DeHart & Hopkins designed Addams Junior High (1954), which was SPS gained through annexation.

Figure 136 • Nathan Eckstein Middle School (1950, William Mallis, City of Seattle Landmark)

# Catharine Blaine Middle School

2550 34th Avenue W

1952, J. Lister Holmes



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012

## Notes:

- Concrete with brick masonry infill.
- Appears to retain early aluminum-sash windows.
- Original saw-tooth clerestories removed.

This is the only school that J. Lister Holmes designed for SPS during this period.



Figure 137 • Catharine Blaine Middle School (1952, J. Lister Holmes)

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# Aki Kurose Middle School (Formerly Casper W. Sharples Jr. High)

3928 S Graham Street  
1952, William Mallis

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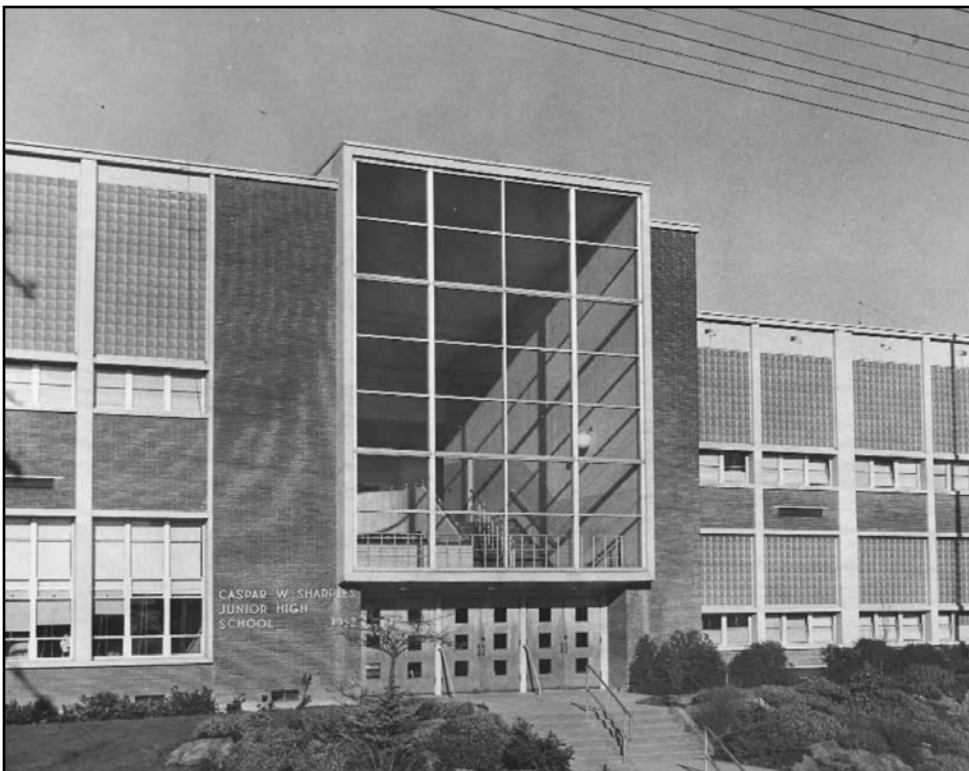


Figure 138 • Aki Kurose Middle School (1952, William Mallis, formerly Casper W. Sharples Junior High)

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction with integral glass block infill.
- Replacement windows.

William Mallis also designed Eckstein Junior High (1950, City of Seattle Landmark) & View Ridge Elementary (1948).

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# David Denny Junior High School (Demolished)

8402 30th Avenue SW

1952, Mallis & DeHart



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## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Demolished in 2011.

Mallis & DeHart designed Whitman Junior High (1959), Nathan Hale High School (1963), and Viewlands Elementary (1954) for SPS.

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Mallis, DeHart & Hopkins designed Addams Junior High (1954), which SPS gained through annexation.

William Mallis also designed Sharples/Kurose Junior High (1952), View Ridge Elementary (1948), and Eckstein Junior High (1950, City of Seattle Landmark).

Figure 139 • David Denny Middle School (1952, Mallis & DeHart, demolished)



# Asa Mercer Middle School

1600 Columbian Way S

1957, John W. Maloney



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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Figure 140 • Asa Mercer Middle School (1957, John W. Maloney)

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Replacement windows.
- Thin-sheer concrete roof on gymnasium.

John W. Maloney also designed Rainier Beach High School (1960).

# Whitman Middle School

9201 15th Avenue NW

1959, Mallis & DeHart

The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



Figure 141 • Whitman Middle School (1959, Mallis & DeHart)

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Retains original aluminum-sash windows.

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William Mallis designed Aki Kurose Junior High (1952), View Ridge Elementary (1948) & Eckstein Junior High (1950, City of Seattle Landmark).



# Lousia Boren Junior High School (now Boren K-8 STEM)

5950 Delridge Way SW

1963, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson

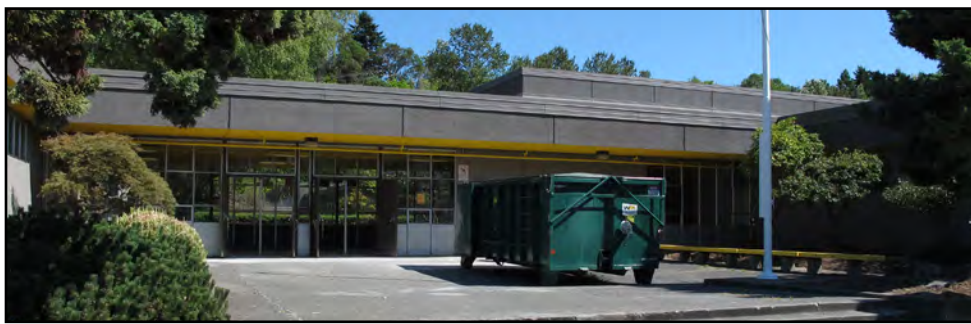
The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



## Notes:

- Stucco over frame.
- Retains original windows.
- Recent upgrades to roof insulation.
- Currently K-8 STEM school.

NBBJ designed Ingraham High School (1959, partial City of Seattle Landmark), Chief Sealth High School (1957), and Louisa Boren Junior High School (1963).



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Figure 142 • Louisa Boren Middle School (1963, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johnson)

# George Washington Middle School

2101 S Jackson Street

1963, John Graham & Co.

The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



## Notes:

- Precast concrete construction with folded plate roof.
- Retains original aluminum-sash windows.

John Graham & Co. also designed Lafayette Elementary (1961), North Beach Elementary (1958), Olympic Hills Elementary (1954, demolished), Wedgwood Elementary (1955), and Roxhill Elementary (1963, now BRIDGES).

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Figure 143 • George Washington Middle School (1963, John Graham & Co.)

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# Worth McClure Middle School

1915 First Avenue W

1964, Edward Mahlum

The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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## Notes:

- Concrete with brick masonry infill.
- Replacement windows.

Edward Mahlum also designed Decatur Elementary (1961).



Figure 144 • Worth McClure Middle School (1964, Edward Mahlum)

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# Chief Sealth High School

2600 SW Thistle Street  
1957, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Use of dramatic thin-shell concrete roof.
- Has undergone major renovations.

NBBJ also designed Ingraham High School (1959), and Louisa Boren Junior High School (1963).

Figure 145 • Chief Sealth High School (1957, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson)

## Northgate Elementary School

### Landmark Nomination Report

December 2019



# Ingraham High School (City of Seattle Landmark)

1819 N 135th Street

1959, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson

The Johnson Partnership, 2016



## Notes:

- Thin shell concrete on auditorium and gymnasium
- Modular classroom wings with steel framing
- Landmark designation covers Auditorium and Gymnasium.
- Numerous additions and alterations at classroom wings.

NBBJ also designed Chief Sealth High School (1957) and Louisa Boren Junior High School (1963).

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Figure 146 • Ingraham High School (1959, Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johnson, City of Seattle Landmark)

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# Rainier Beach High School

8815 Seward Park Avenue S

1960, John W. Maloney

The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



## Notes:

- Brick masonry construction.
- Windows on second floor replaced.
- New entry and other renovations completed in 2008.

John W. Maloney also designed Asa Mercer Junior High School (1957).

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Figure 147 • Rainier Beach High School (1960, John W. Maloney)

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# Nathan Hale High School

10750 30th Avenue NE

1963, Mallis & DeHart



The Johnson Partnership, August 2012



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Figure 148 • Nathan Hale High School (1963, Mallis & DeHart)

## Notes:

- Brick masonry and concrete construction.
- Use of Lin-T concrete roof slabs.
- Major renovations and additions completed between 2008 and 2011.

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Figure 149 • Architect Paul Thiry

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Figure 150 • First Hill Office, 804 Columbia Street, Seattle (1946, Paul Thiry)

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Figure 151 • Christ the King Church, 405 N 117th Street, Seattle (1950, Paul Thiry)



Figure 152 • Museum of History & Industry, 2700 24th Avenue E, Seattle (1950, Paul Thiry, demolished)

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Figure 153 • Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry Avenue, Seattle (1952, Paul Thiry)

MOHAI , 186.5.11253.1



Figure 154 • Seattle Public Library, Northeast Branch, 6801 35th Avenue NE (1954, Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark)

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Figure 155 • Our Lady of the Lake, church campus and school, 8900 35th Avenue NE (1948, Paul Thiry)

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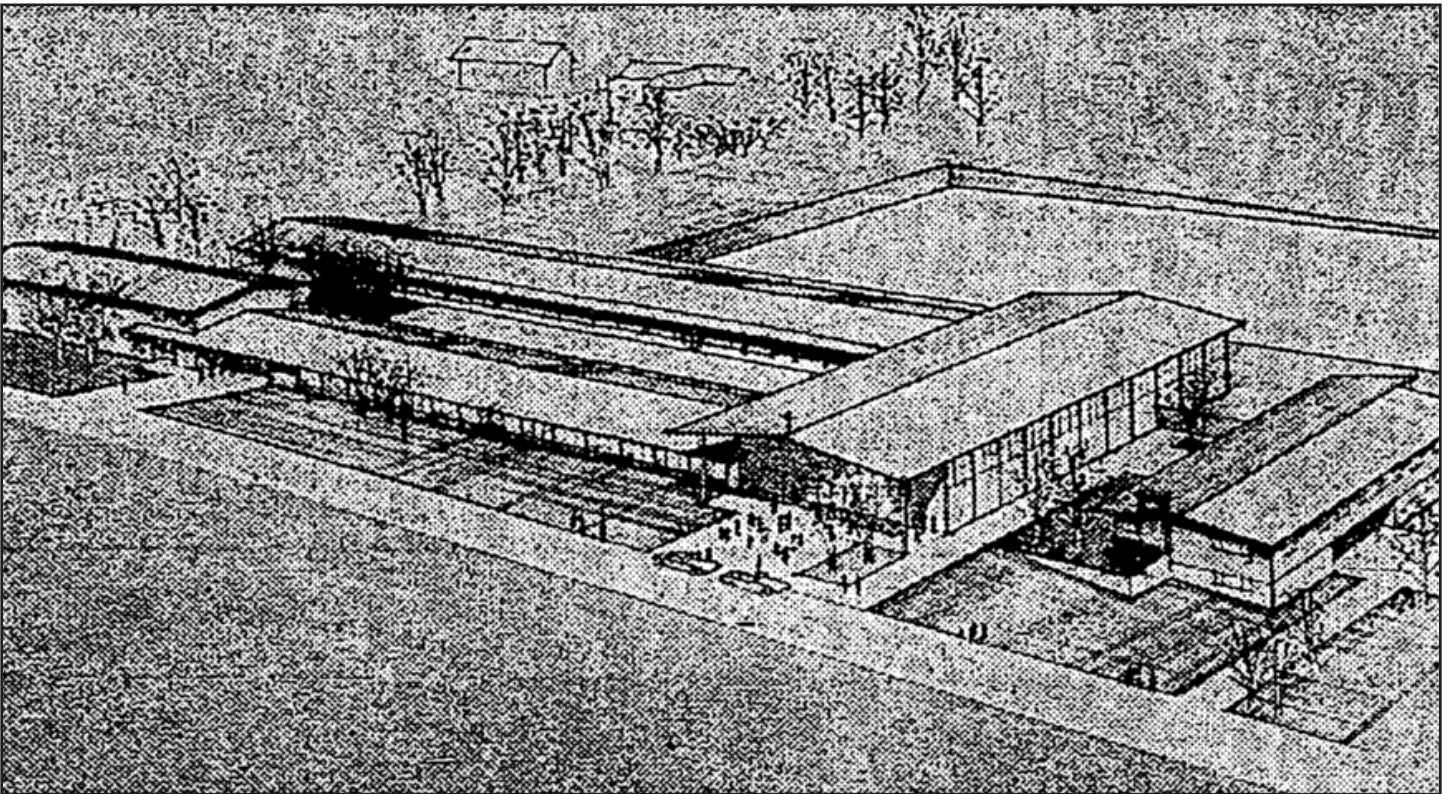


Figure 156 • St. Pius X, church campus and school, Mountlake Terrace, WA (1948, Paul Thiry)





Figure 157 • Washington State Library, Capitol Mall, Olympia (1958, Paul Thiry)

UW Special Collections, MPH101



Figure 158 • Washington State Coliseum, now Key Arena (1962, Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark)

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Figure 159 • Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, 3605 84th Avenue SE, Mercer Island (1962, Paul Thiry)

MOHAI, 1986.5.8131



Figure 160 • Saint Demetrios Orthodox Church, 2100 Boyer Avenue E, Seattle (1962, Paul Thiry)



Figure 161 • Agnes Flanagan Chapel, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR (1969, Paul Thiry)

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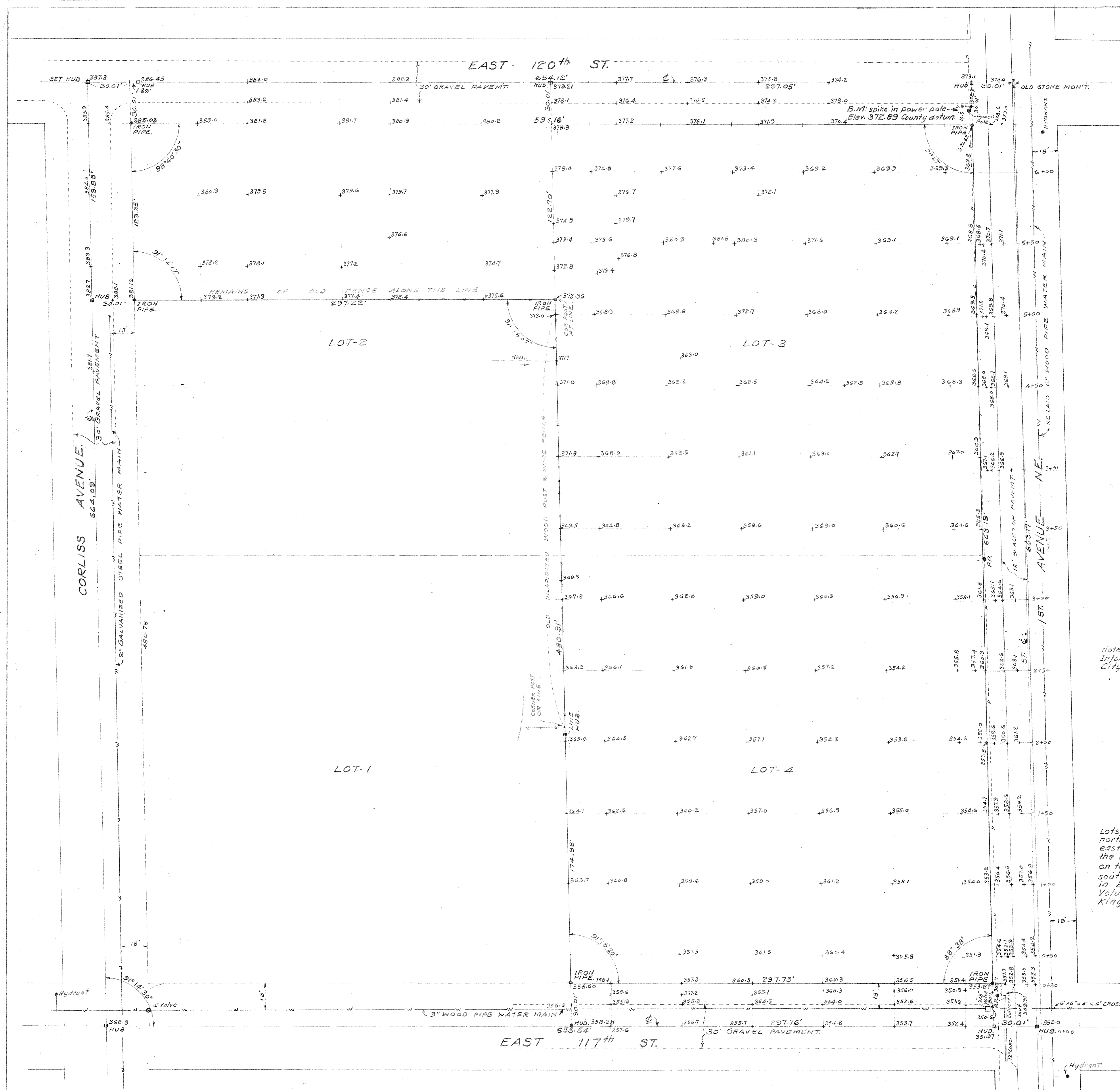


Figure 162 • Sea-Tac Airport parking garage (1967-73, The Richardson Associates)



## Appendix 2

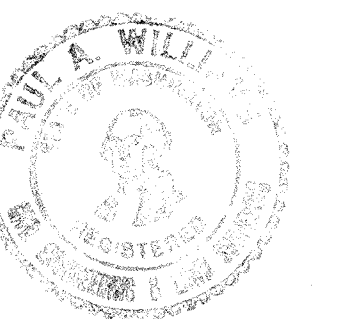
### Architectural Drawings



Note:  
Information on water mains obtained from  
City of Seattle, Water Department.

DESCRIPTION

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SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SURVEY & TOPOGRAPHY  
SOUTH HALLER LAKE  
SCHOOL SITE.

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REVISIONS 6- 19-53		



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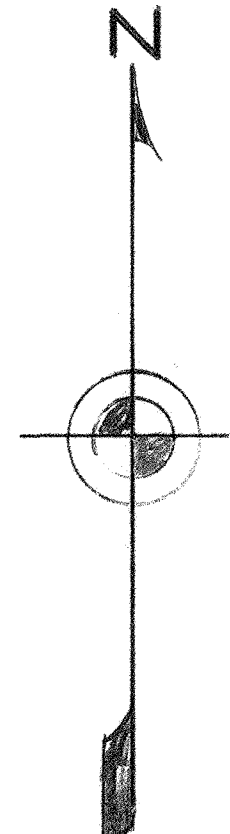
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1<sup>ST</sup> AVE N.E.



NOTE  
ALL ELEVATIONS SHOWN ARE FINISHED GRADES.  
SEE SURVEY SHEET FOR ORIGINAL GRADES.  
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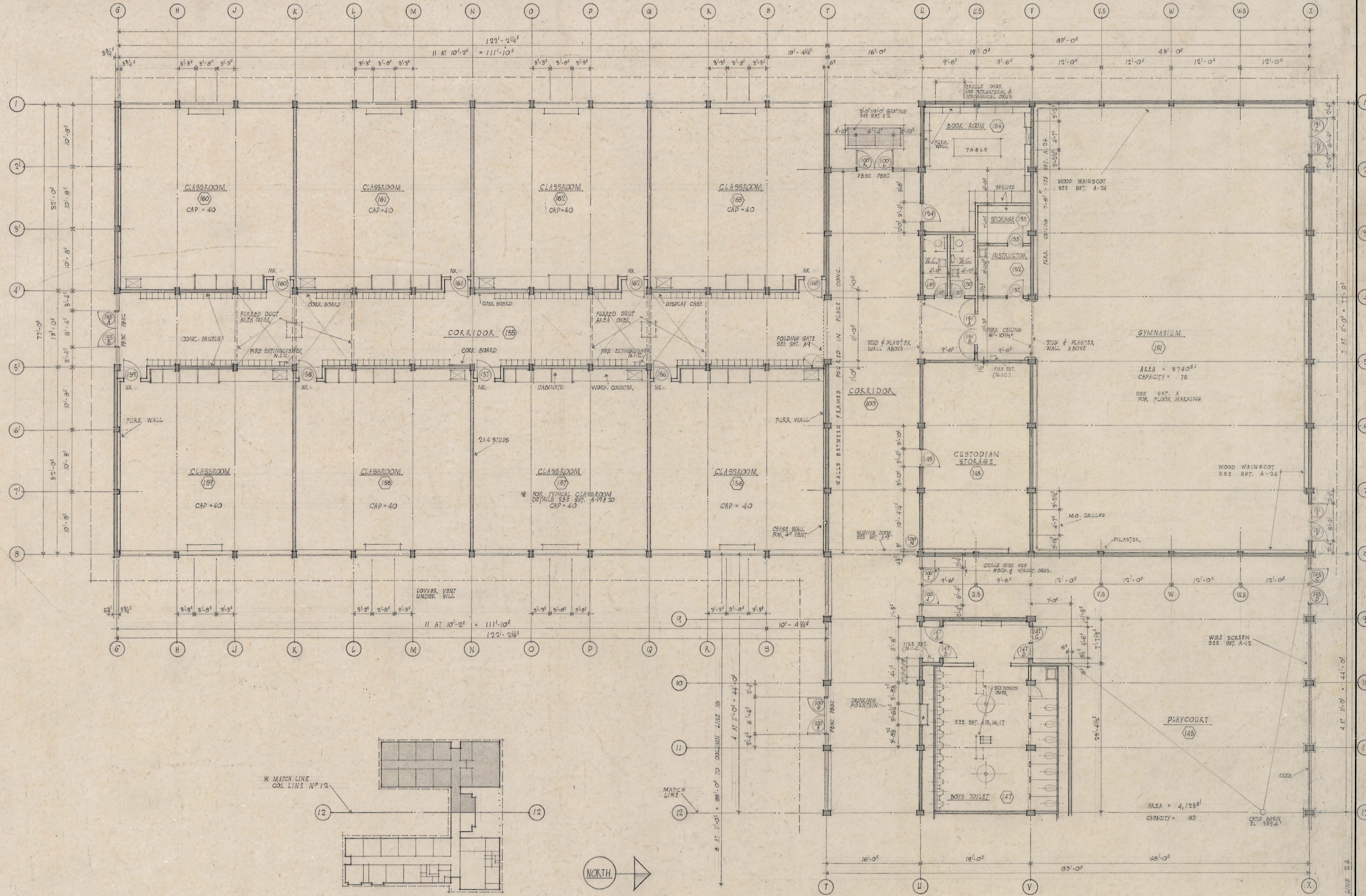
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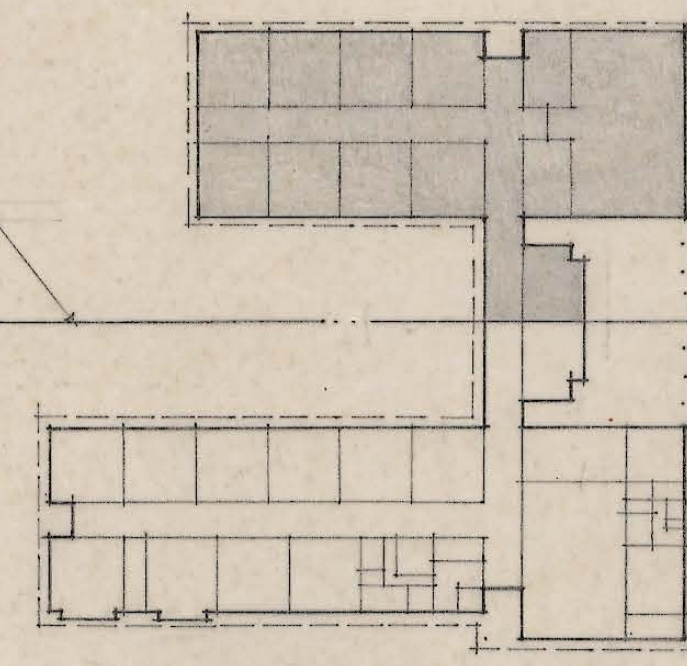
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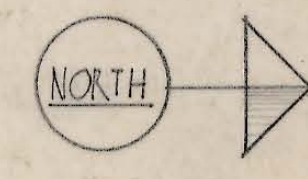


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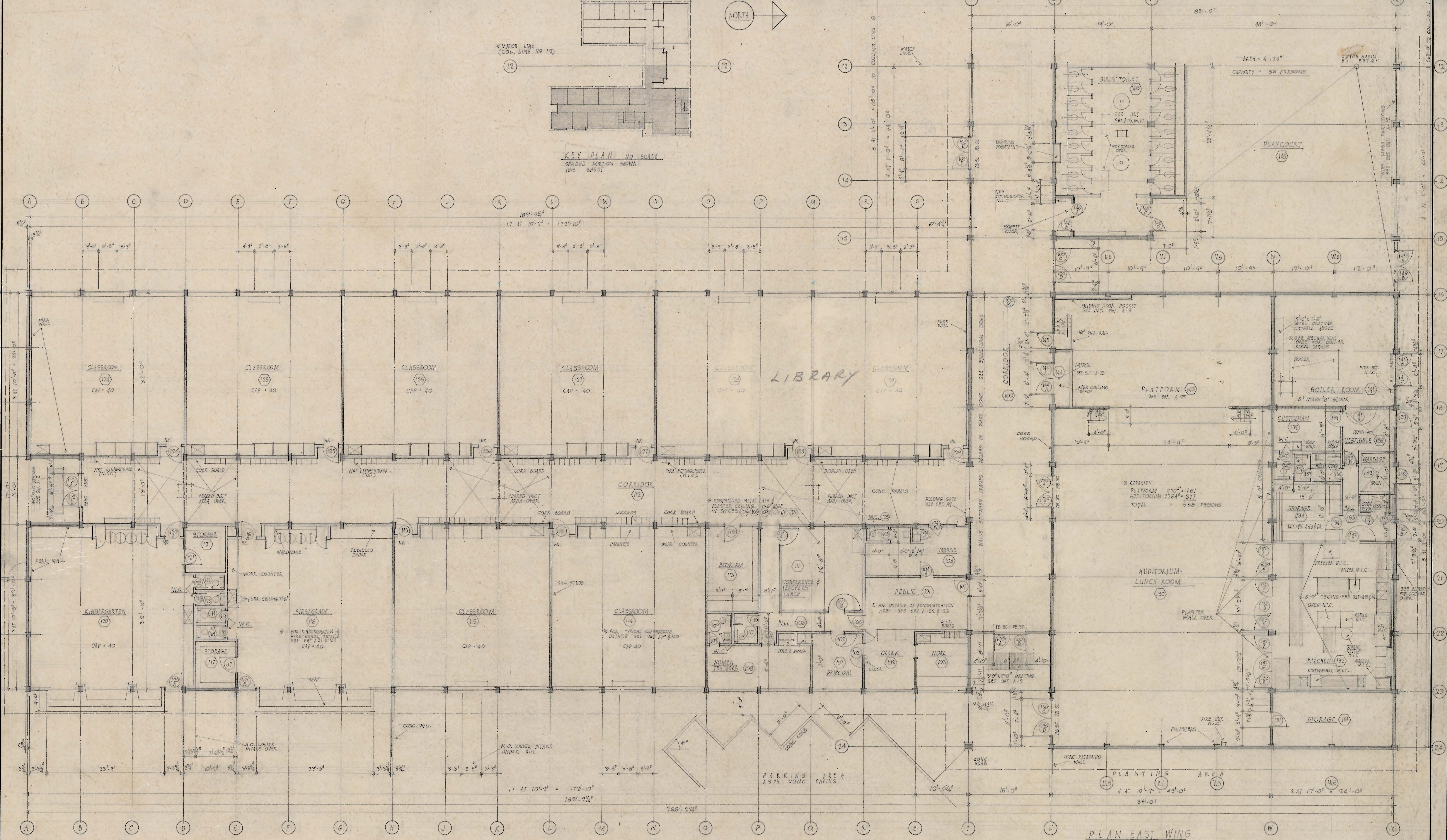


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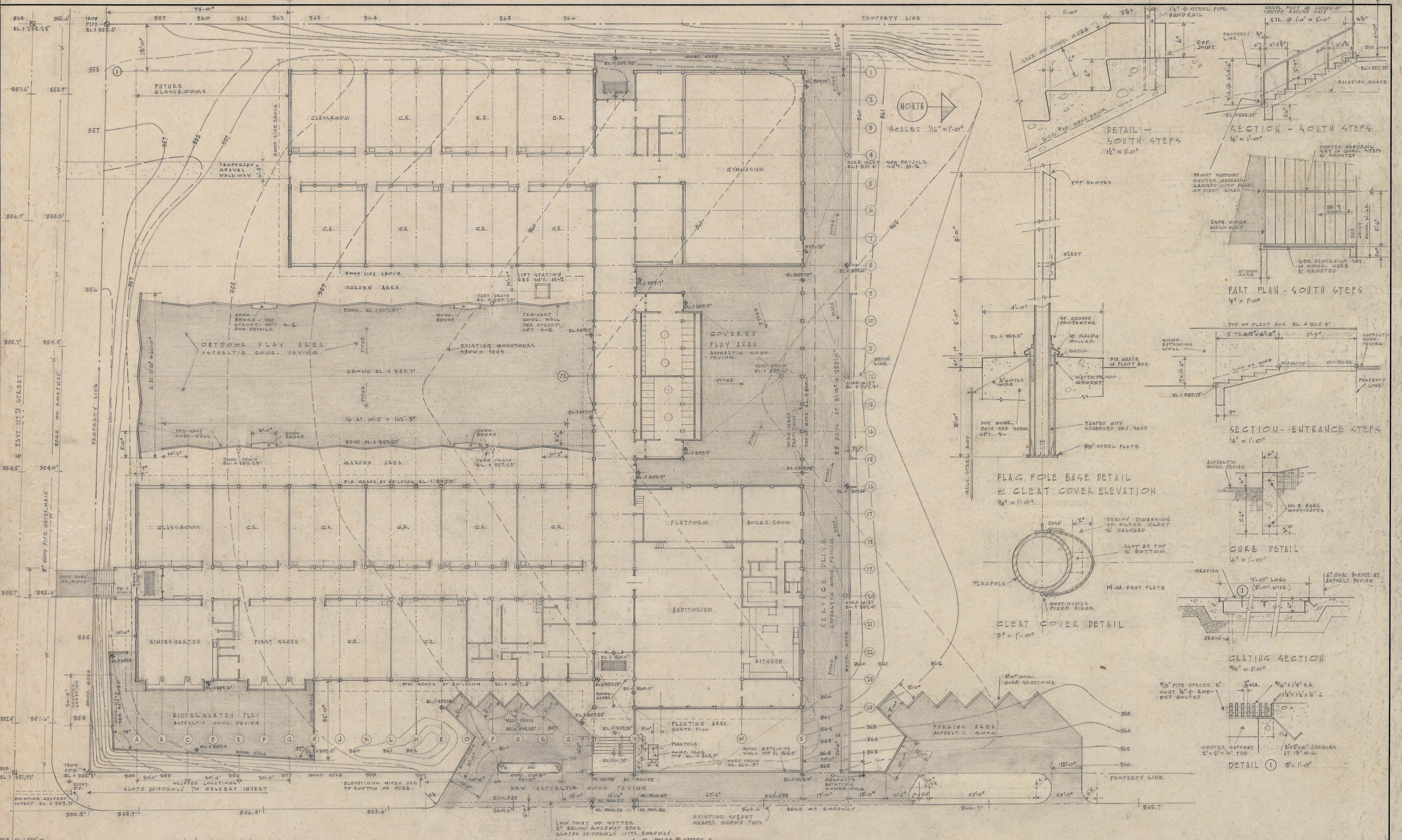




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			2.	MOVE DOORS (132, 133) TO BETWEEN COL (116, 117)		5/12/57								CHECKED BY JG			ORIG. ISSUE 5-1-55		
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			4.	INCREASE DOORS (116) & (117) FROM 2'-0" TO 3'-0"		5/12/57													
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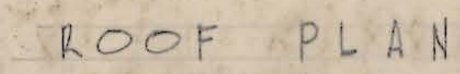
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2			2	POWER POLE RELOCATION	3/11/57									
3			3	ENTRANCE STEPS, RELOCATE & GRADES	3/11/57									
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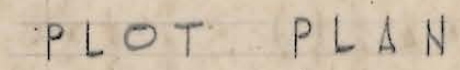




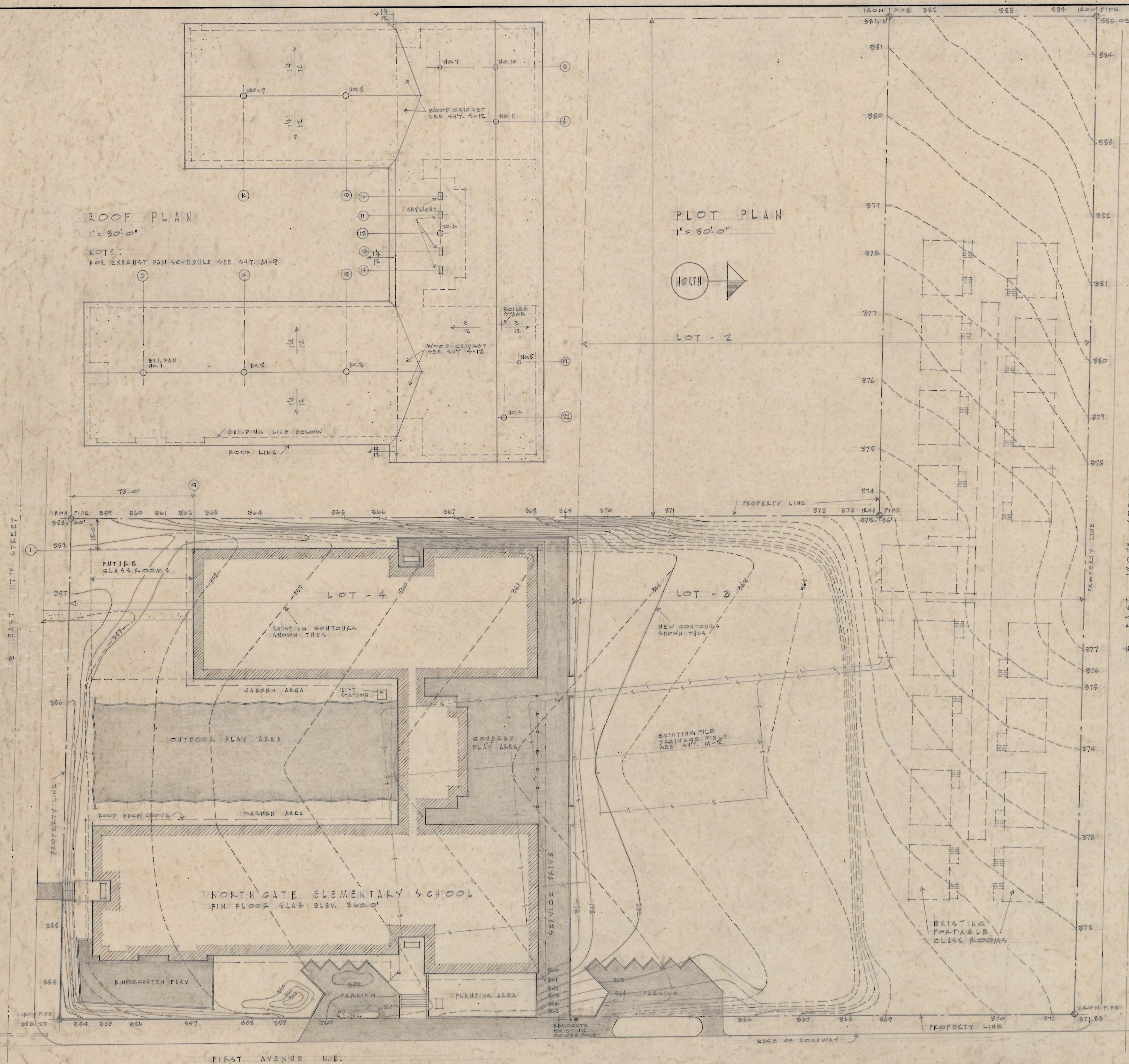



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A- 5	SCHEDULES AND FLOOR CONDITIONS
A- 6	ELEVATIONS
A- 7	SECTIONS
A- 8	SECTIONS
A- 9	WALL SECTIONS, SLIDING DOOR AND FOLDING GATE DETAILS
A-10	HORIZONTAL SECTIONS
A-11	VERTICAL SECTIONS AND WINDOW DETAILS
A-12	EXTERIOR DOOR, WIRE PARTITION AND WINDOW DETAILS
A-13	KITCHEN PLAN AND ELEVATIONS
A-14	KITCHEN DETAILS
A-15	TOILET ROOM PLAN
A-16	TOILET ROOM ELEVATIONS
A-17	TOILET ROOM ELEVATIONS AND DETAILS
A-18	CLASSROOM PLAN AND ELEVATIONS
A-19	CLASSROOM AND HALL DETAILS
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S- 3	FOUNDATION DETAILS, CLASSROOM SECTIONS
S- 4	FOUNDATION DETAILS, GYMNASIUM SECTION
S- 5	FOUNDATION DETAILS, GYMNASIUM AND PLAYCOURT
S- 6	FOUNDATION DETAILS, PLAYCOURT AND BOILER ROOM
S- 7	FOUNDATION DETAILS, AUDITORIUM SECTION
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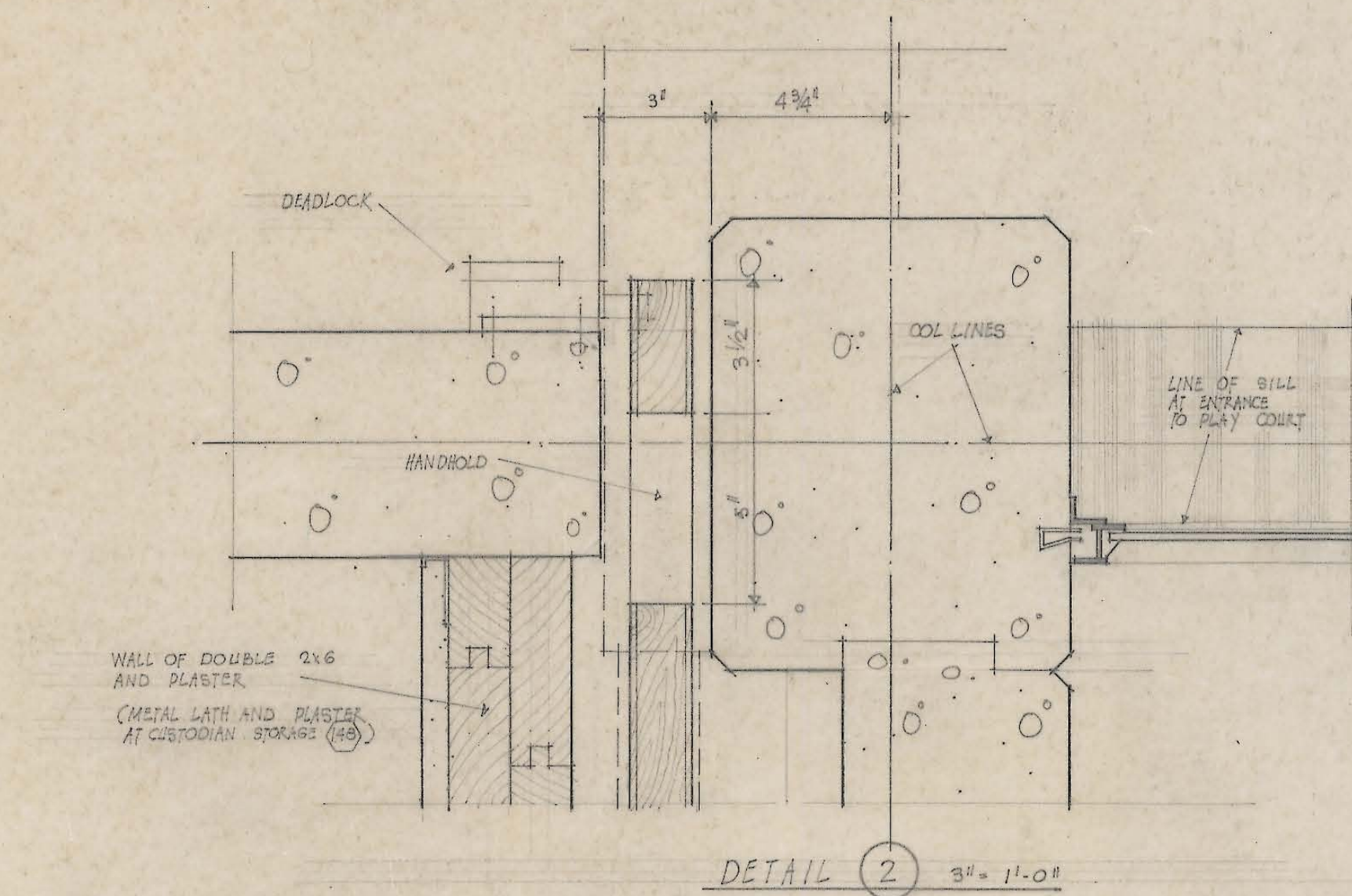
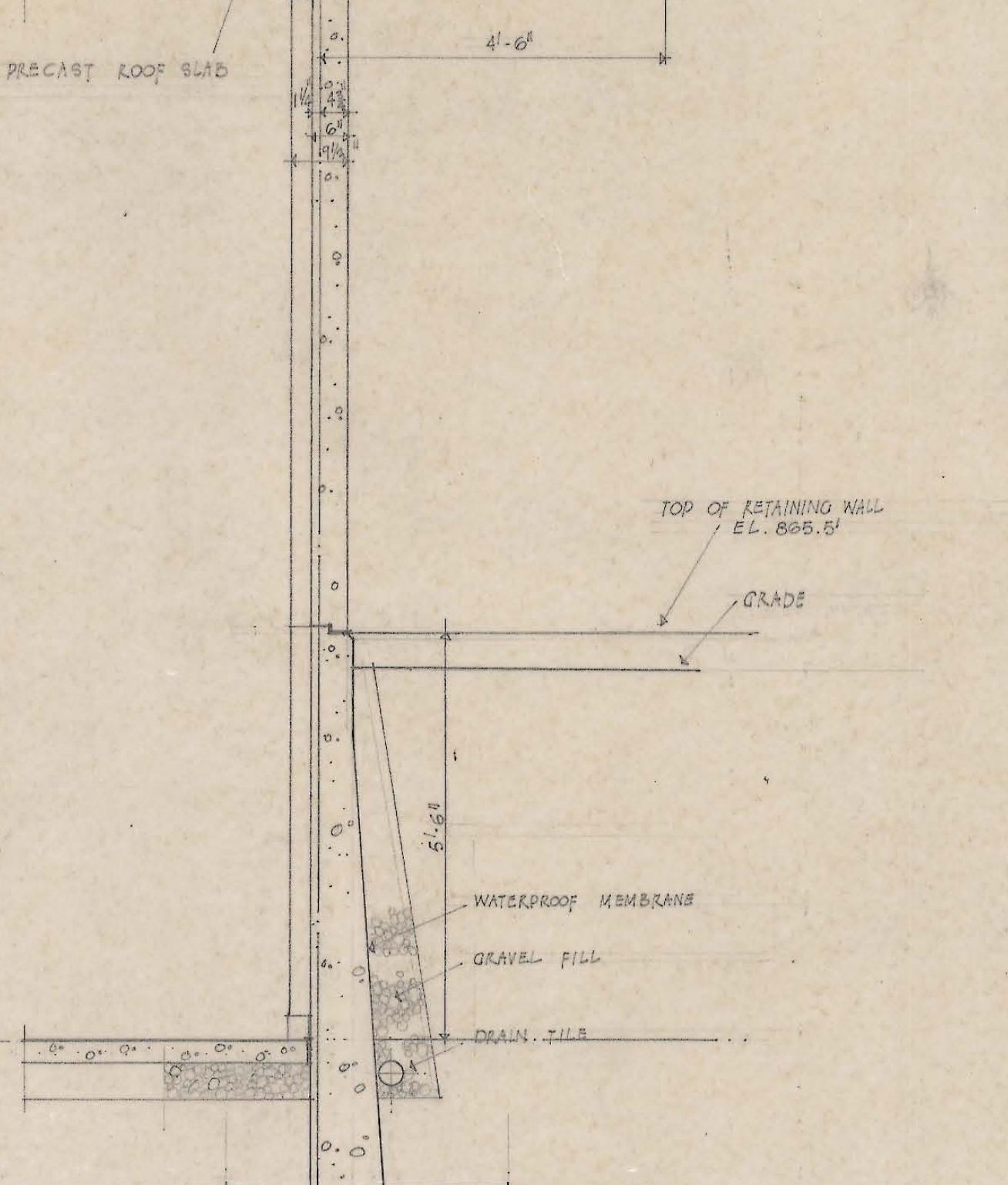
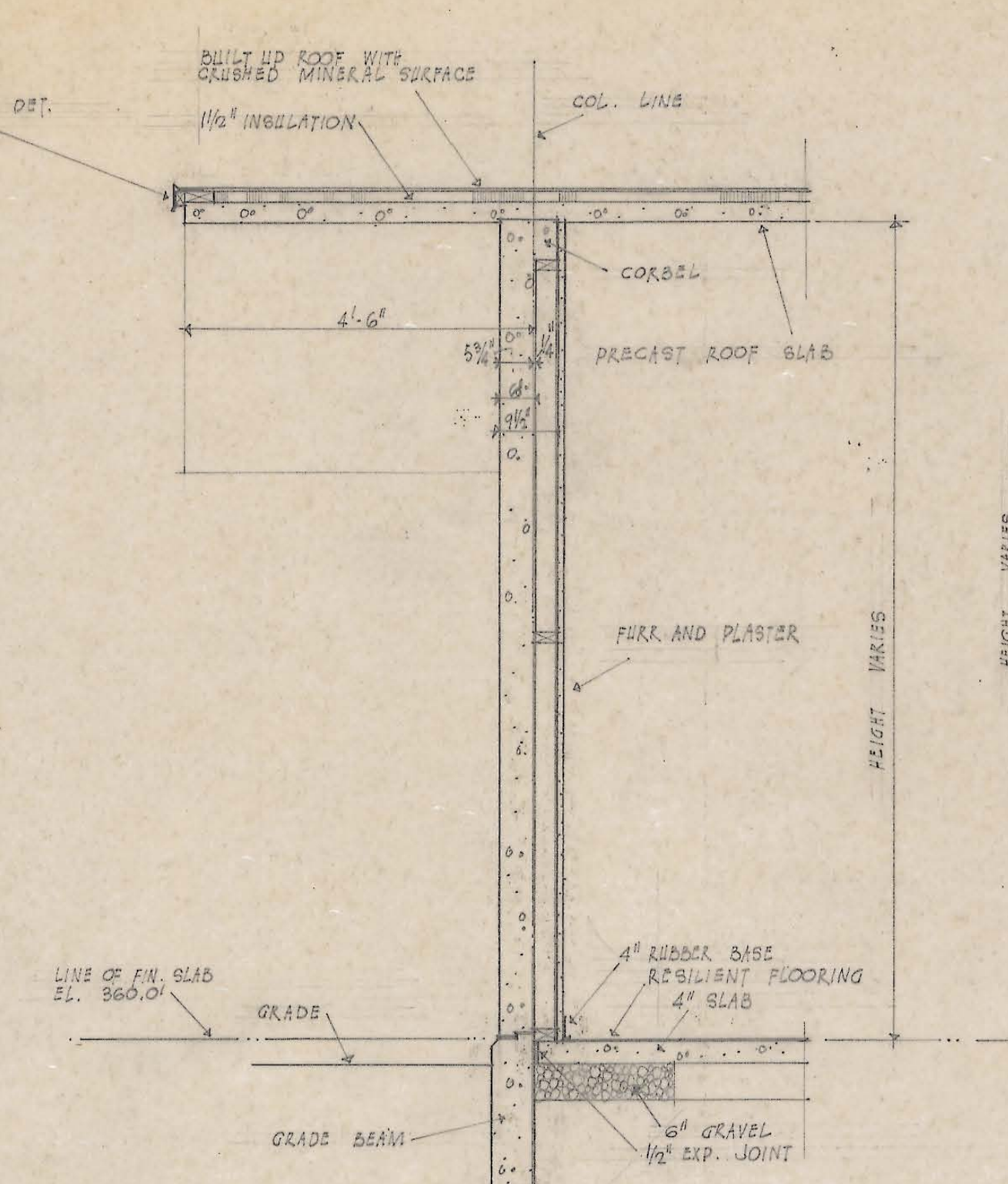
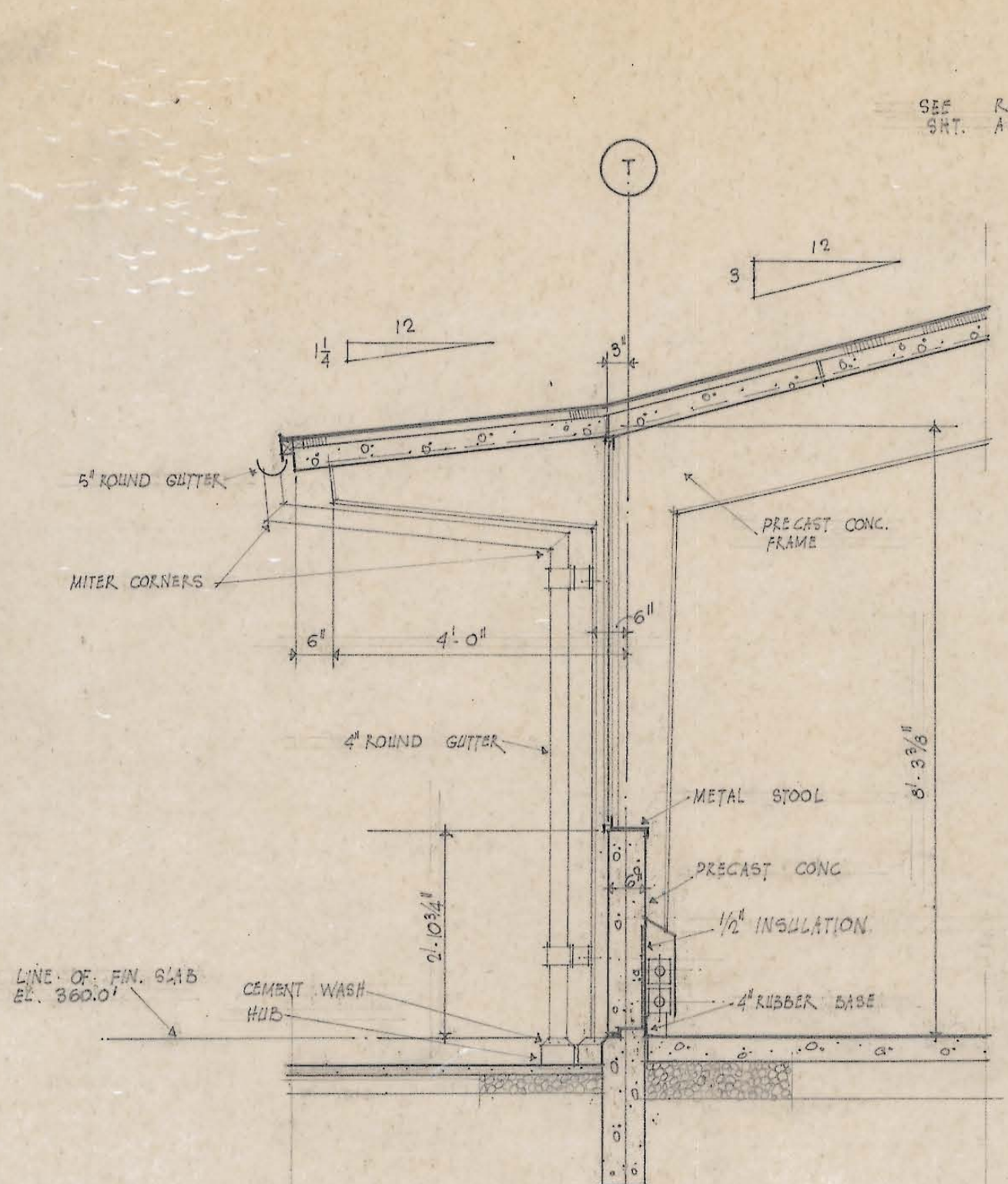
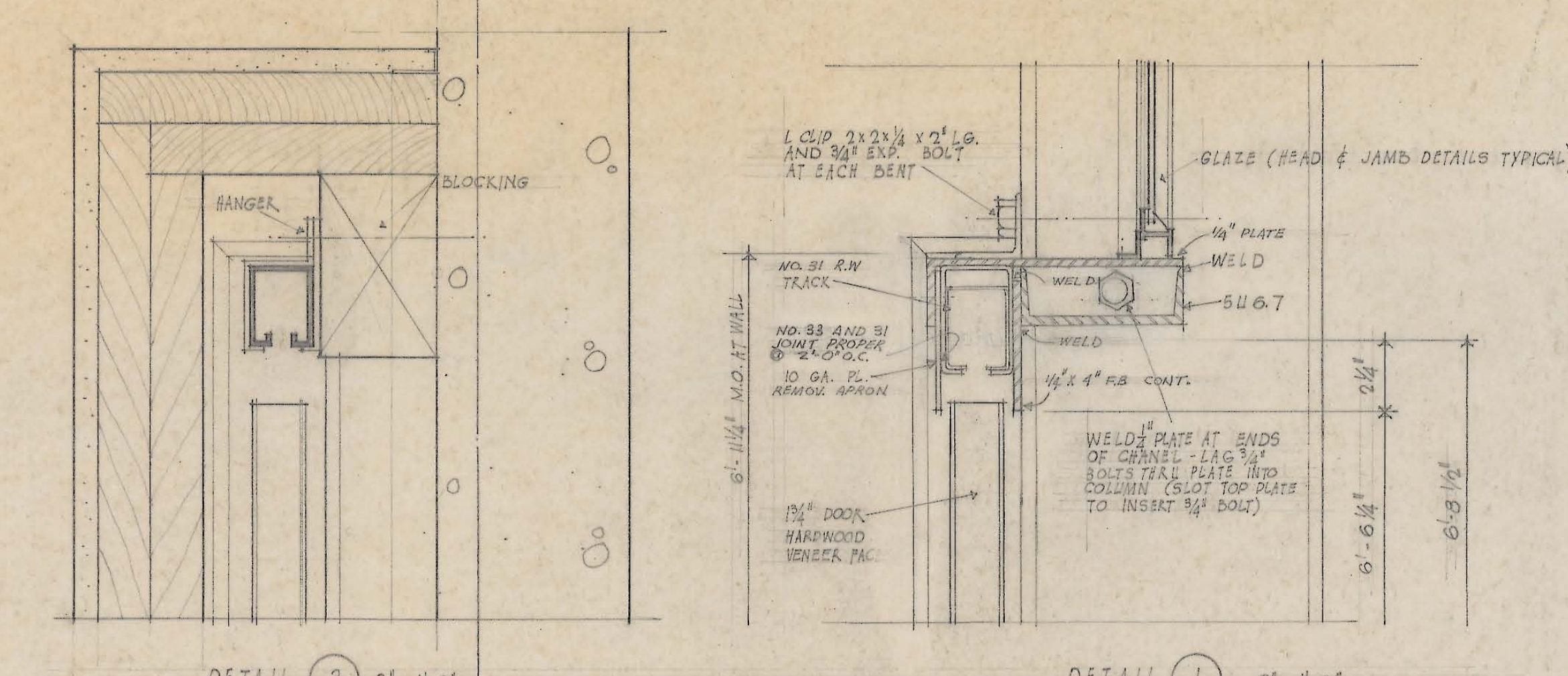
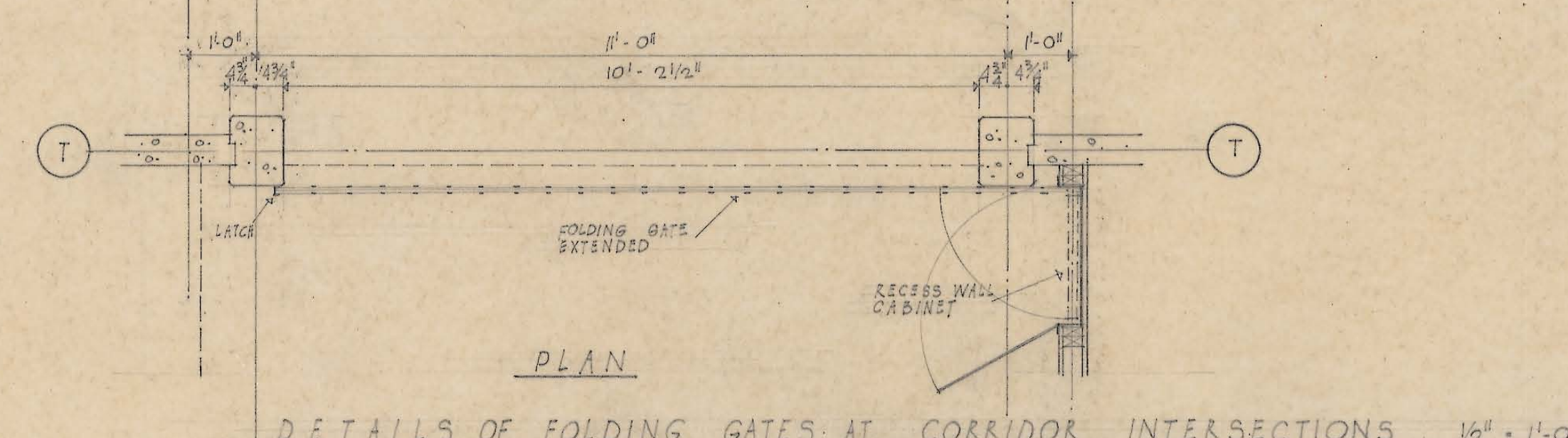
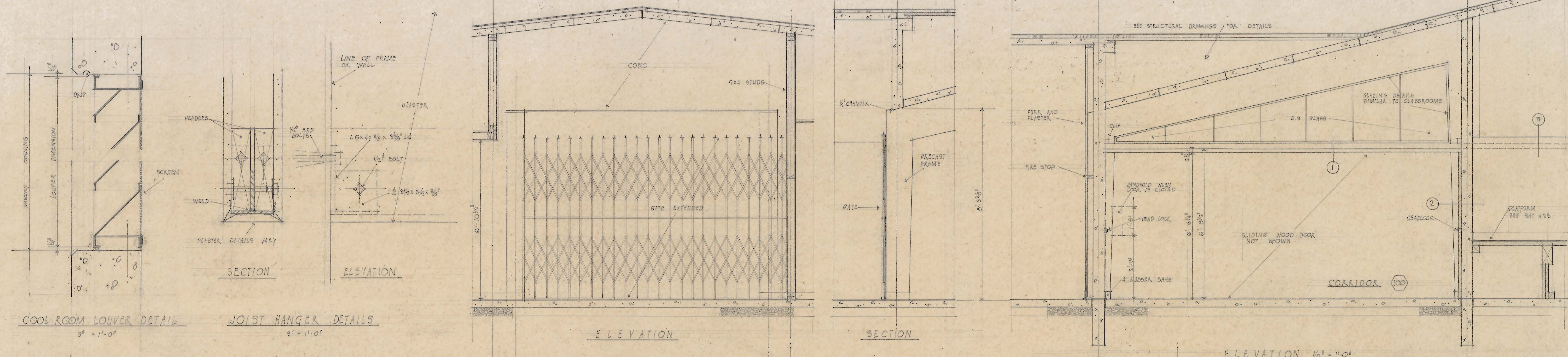
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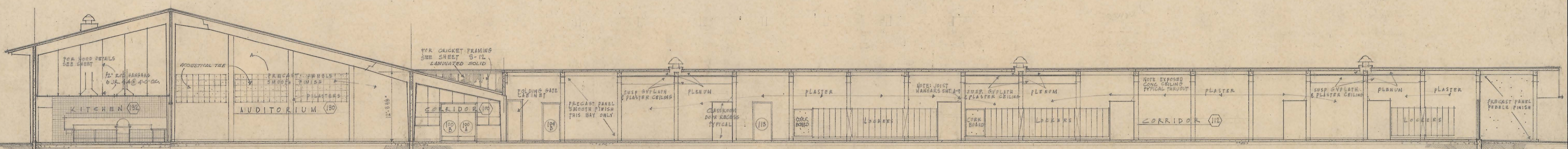
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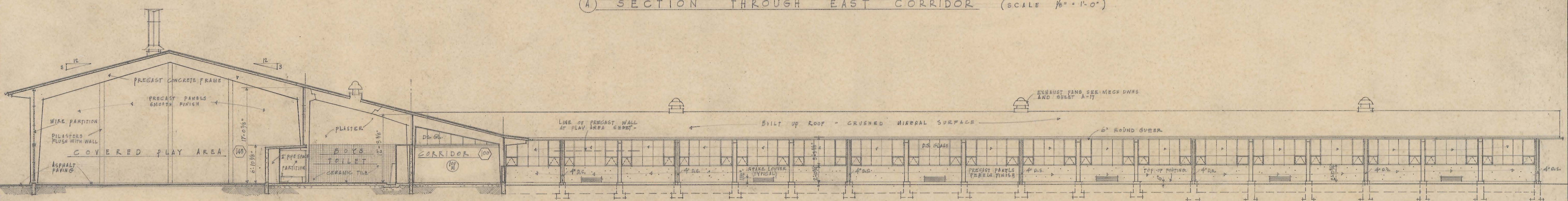




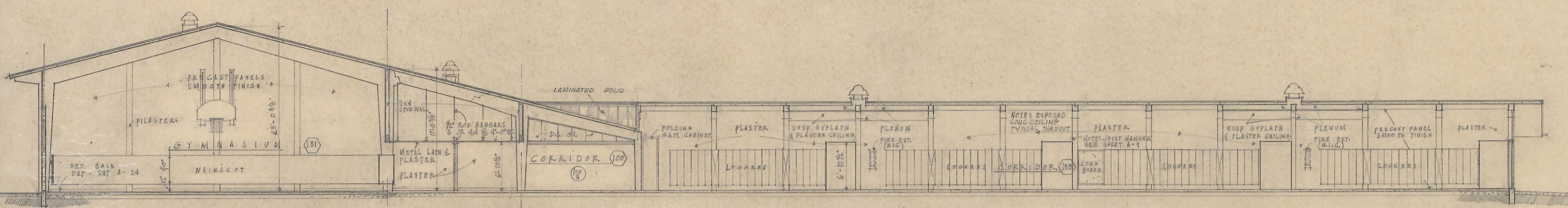




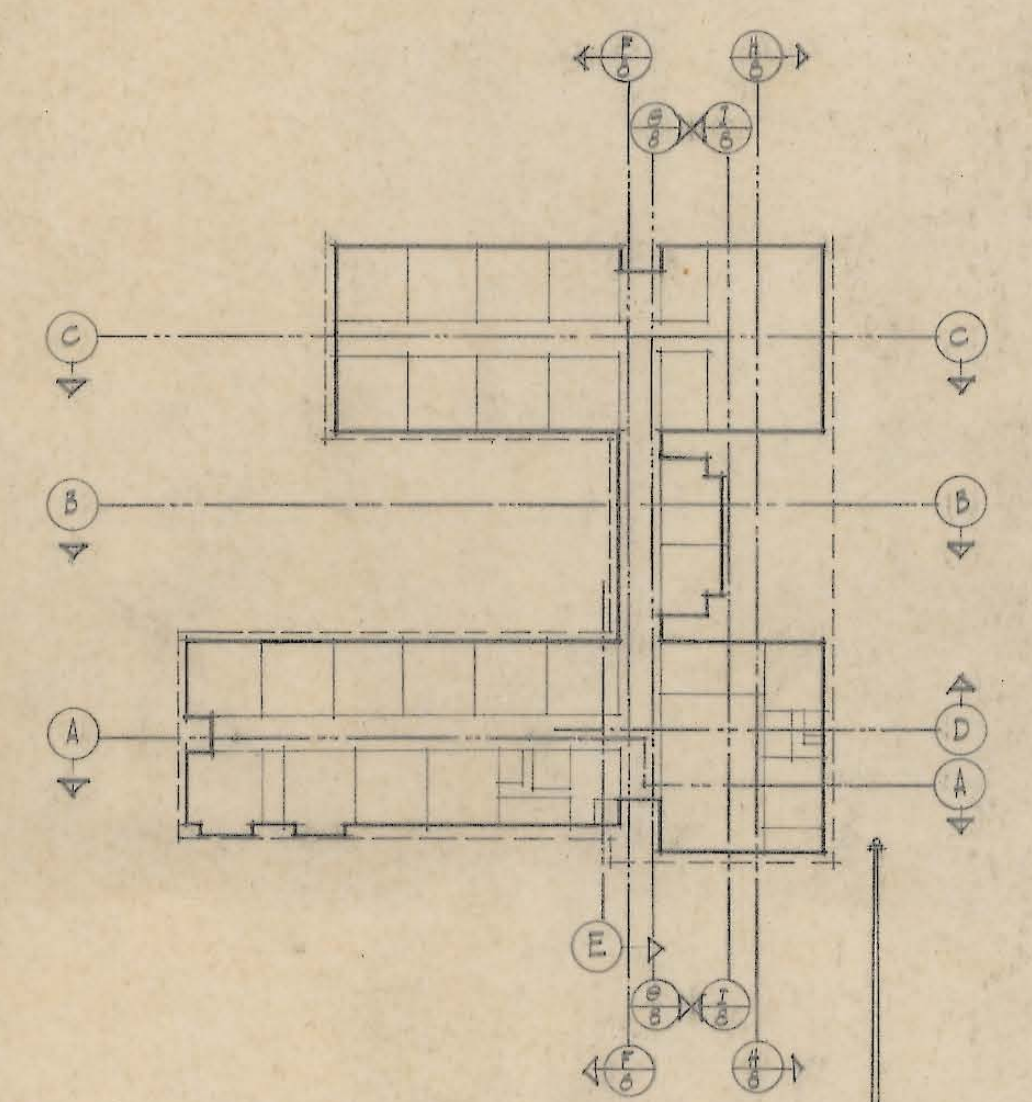
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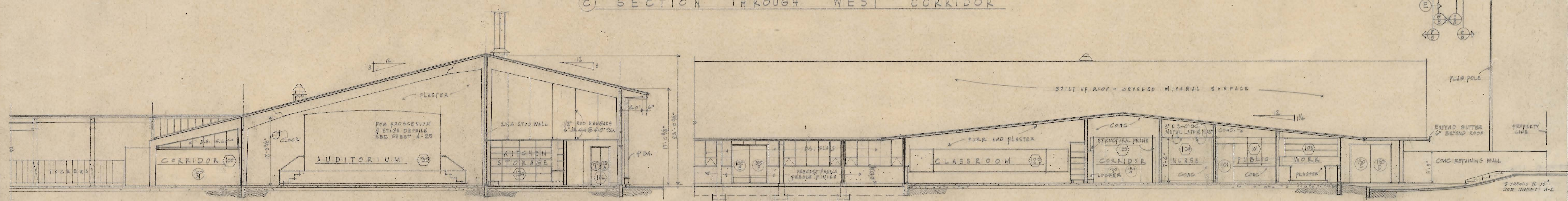
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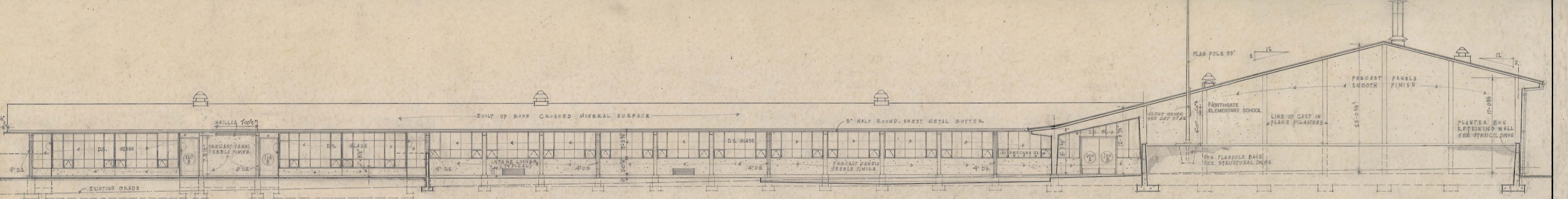


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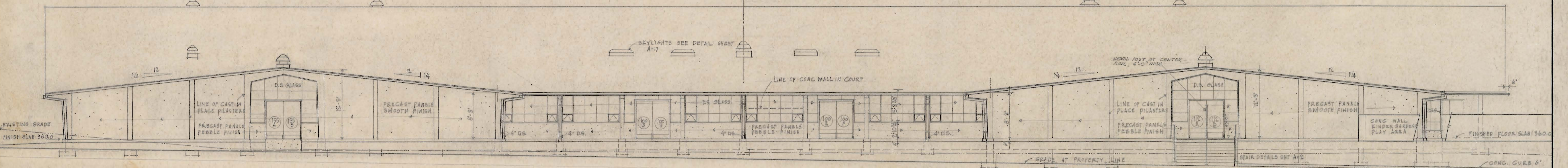
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		3.	SOLID LAMINATED PARTITION - CRICKET			3/12/57				SEATTLE, WASHINGTON		REV. ISSUE			
		4.	ROOF VENTILATOR OVER KITCHEN RANGE			3/12/57									
		5.	HANDRAIL AT STAGE STEPS			3/12/57									
		6.	ACOUSTICAL TILE - EAST WALL OF AUDITORIUM			3/12/57									

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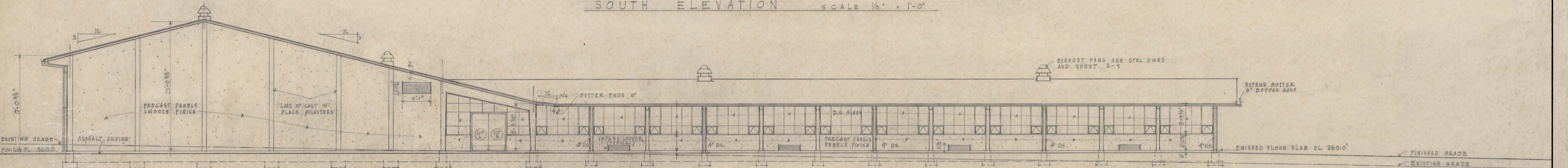




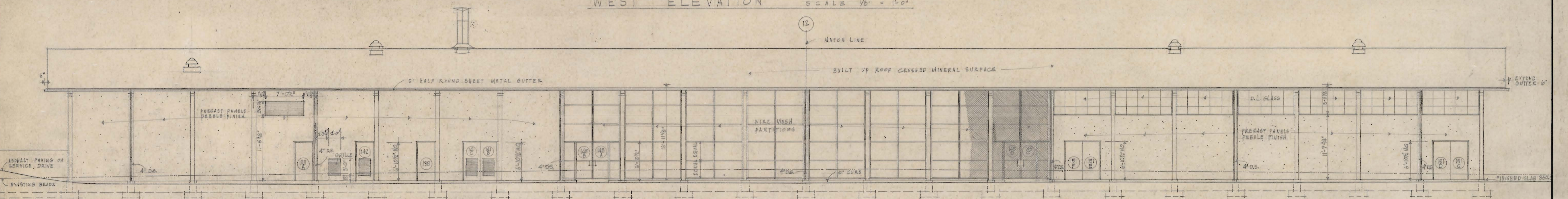
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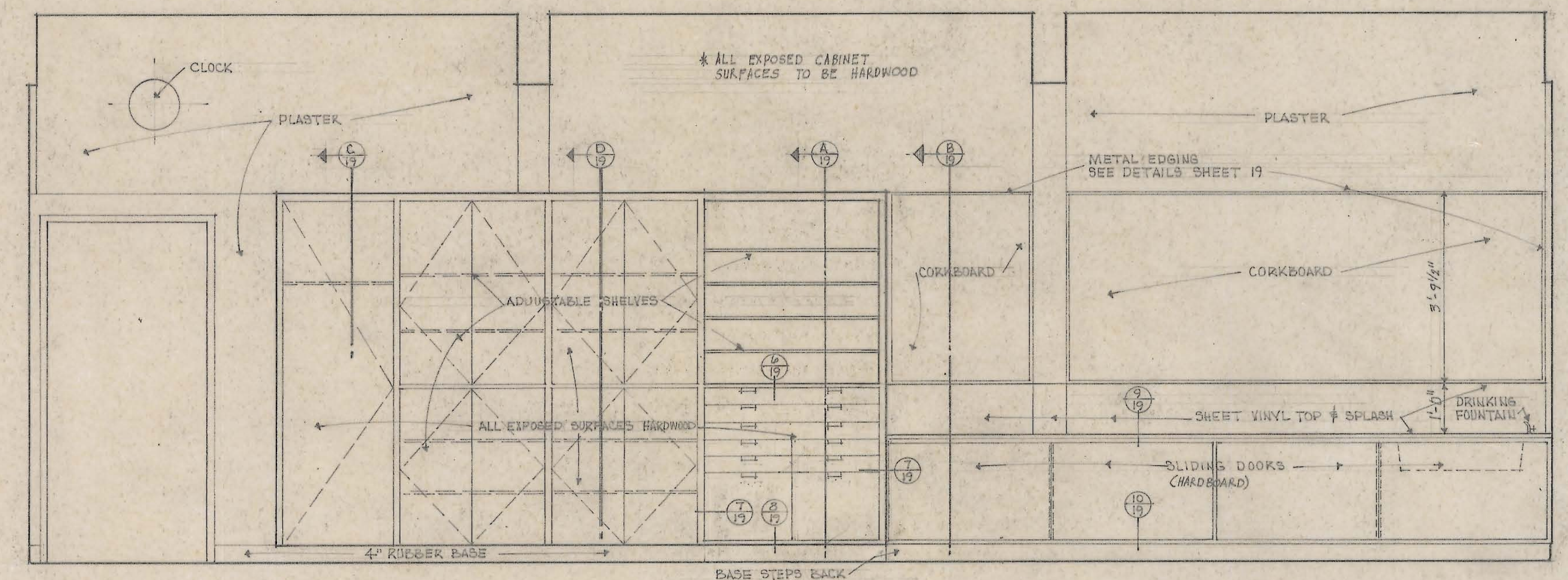
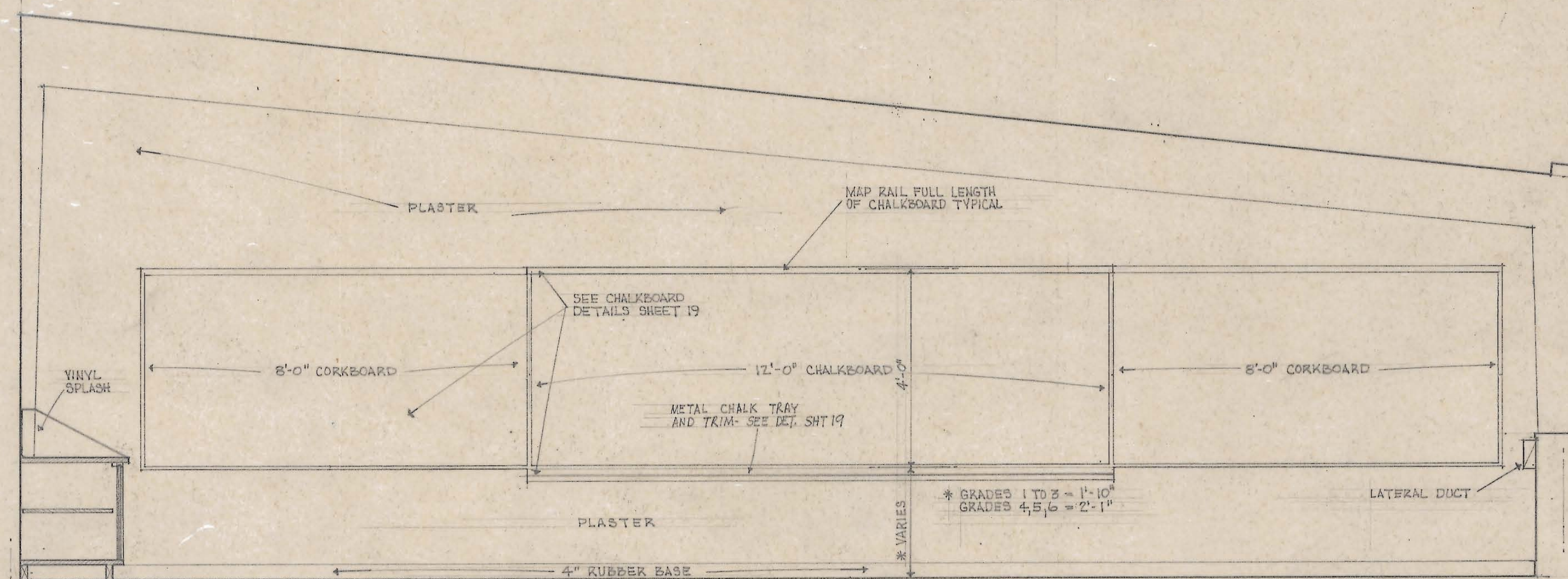
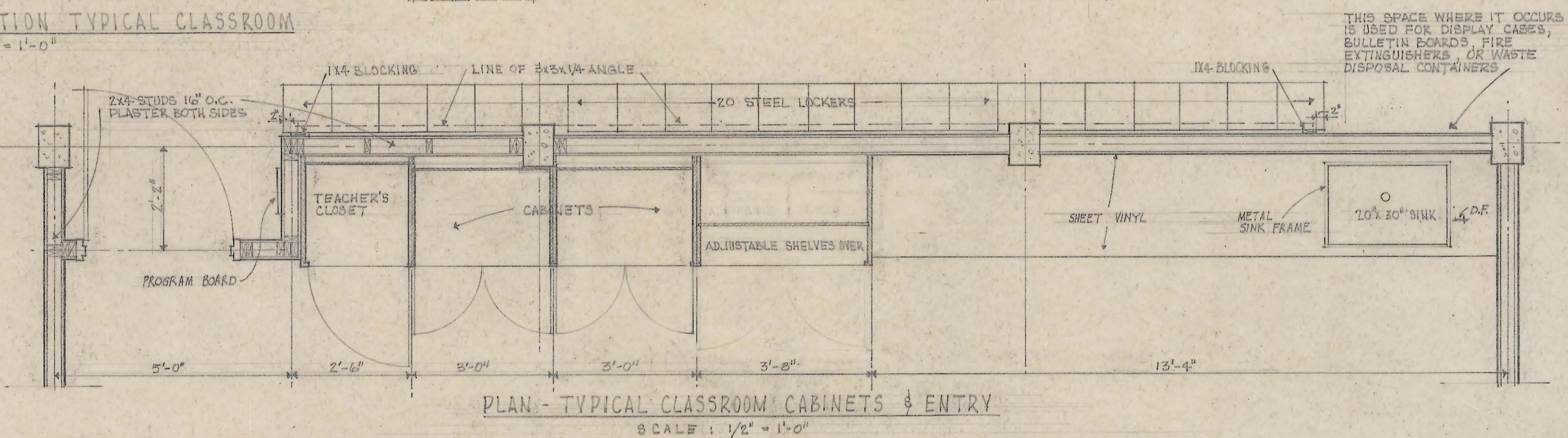
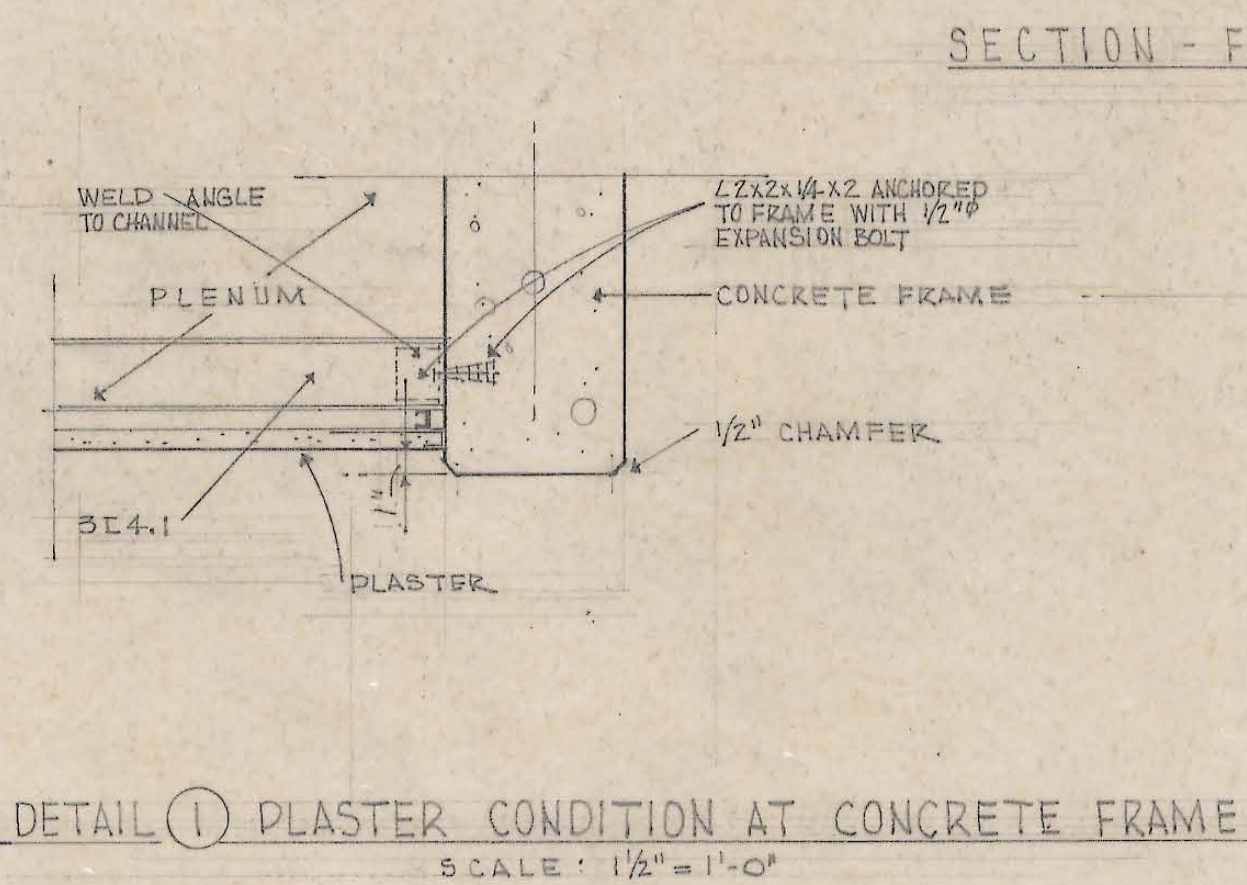
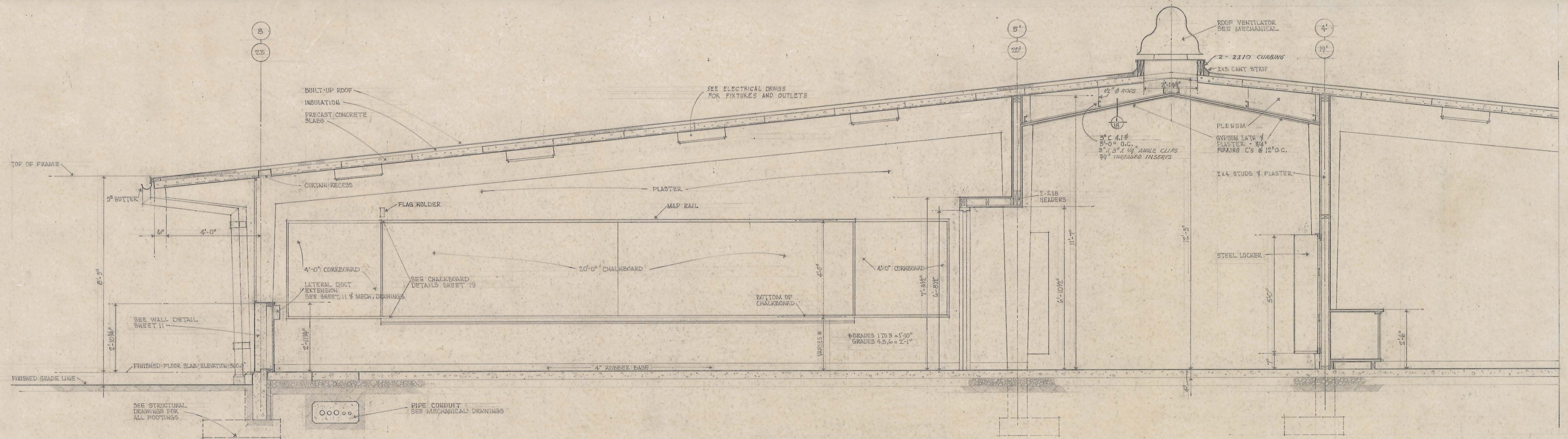


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1		VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING		1.		NEWEL POST @ STAIRS - SOUTH ELEV.		3/11/57										A-6									
				2.		ROOF VENTILATOR OVER KITCHEN RANGE		3/12/57										DRAWN BY					TRACED BY	CHECKED BY	ORIG. ISSUE	REV. ISSUE	
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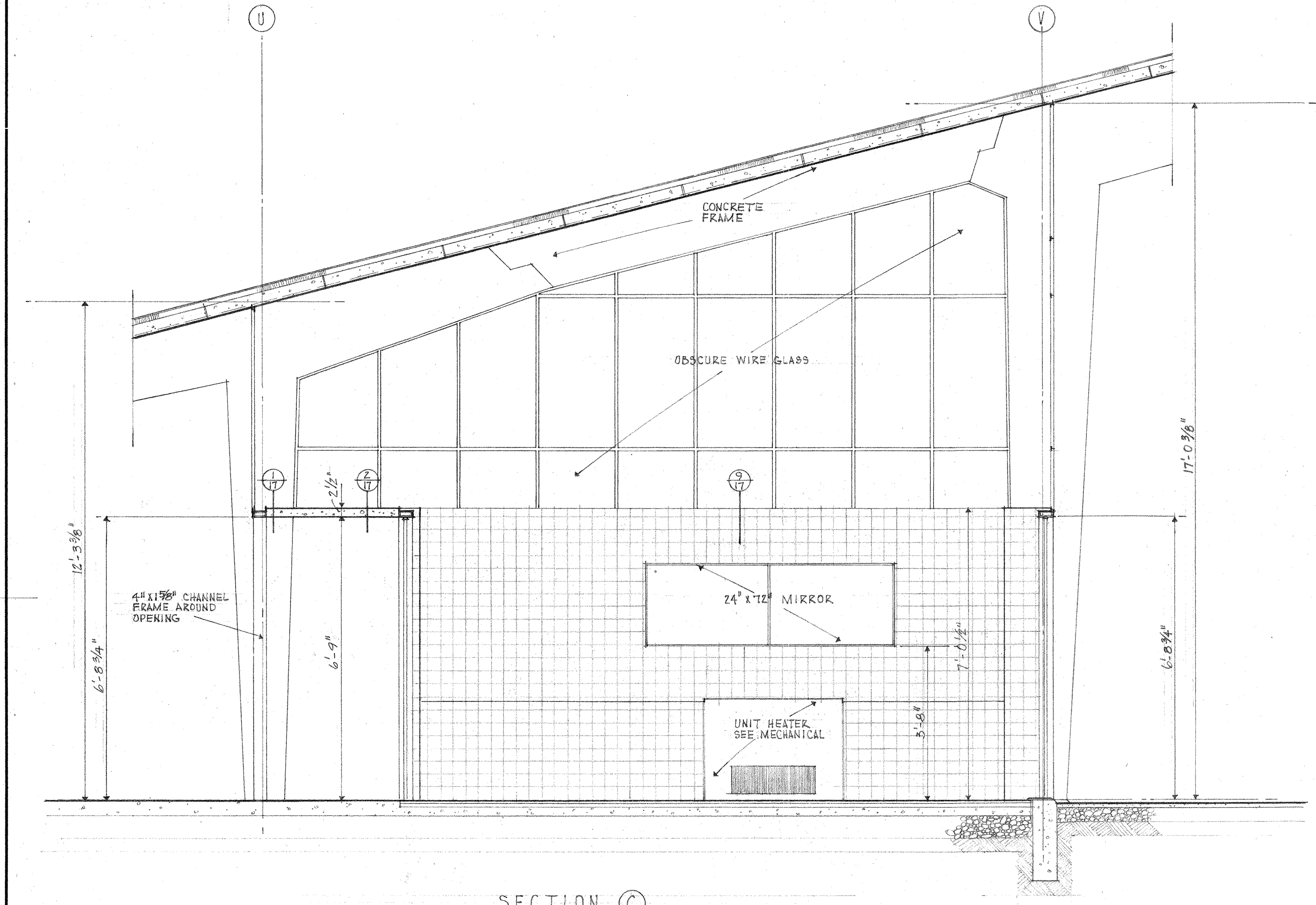
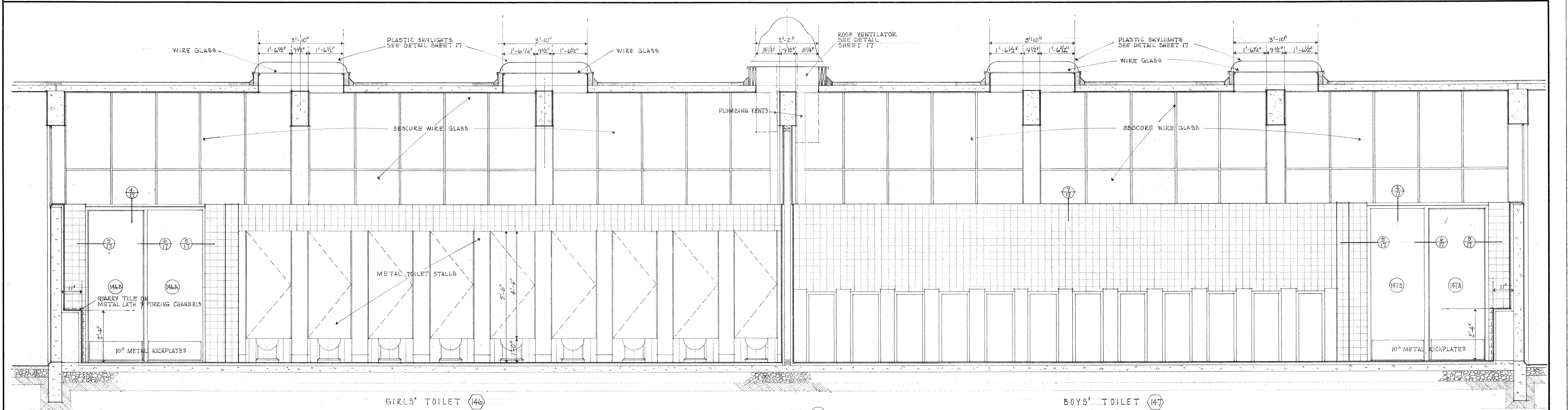
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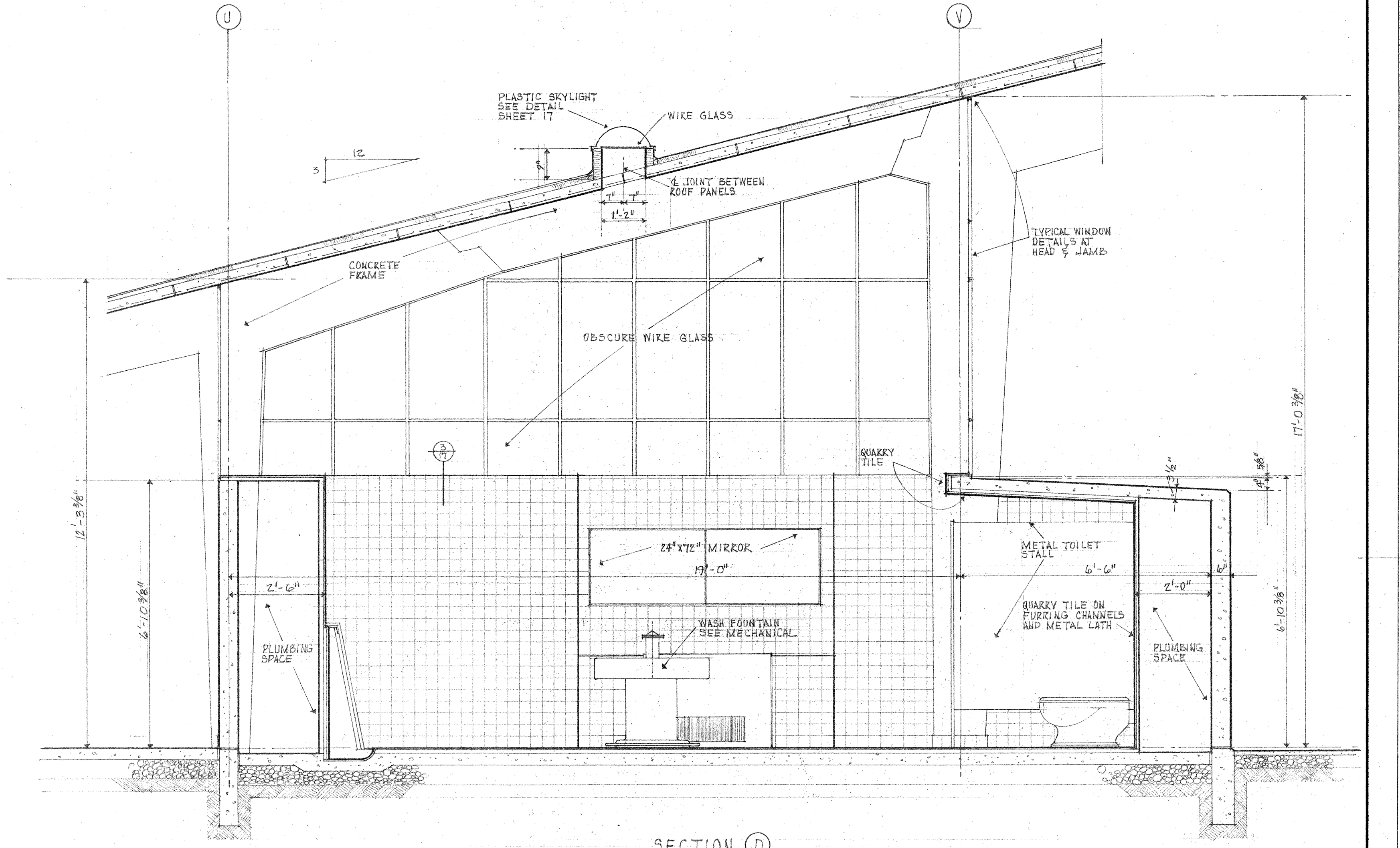


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1	VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING	1.	ROOF VENTILATOR DETAIL	3/13/57					A-18					
		2.	CEILING SUSPENSION OVER CORRIDOR	3/13/57										
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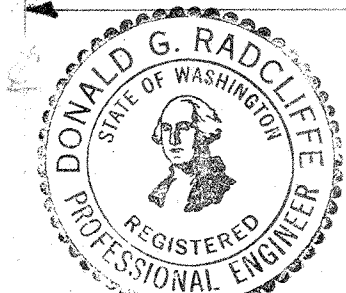
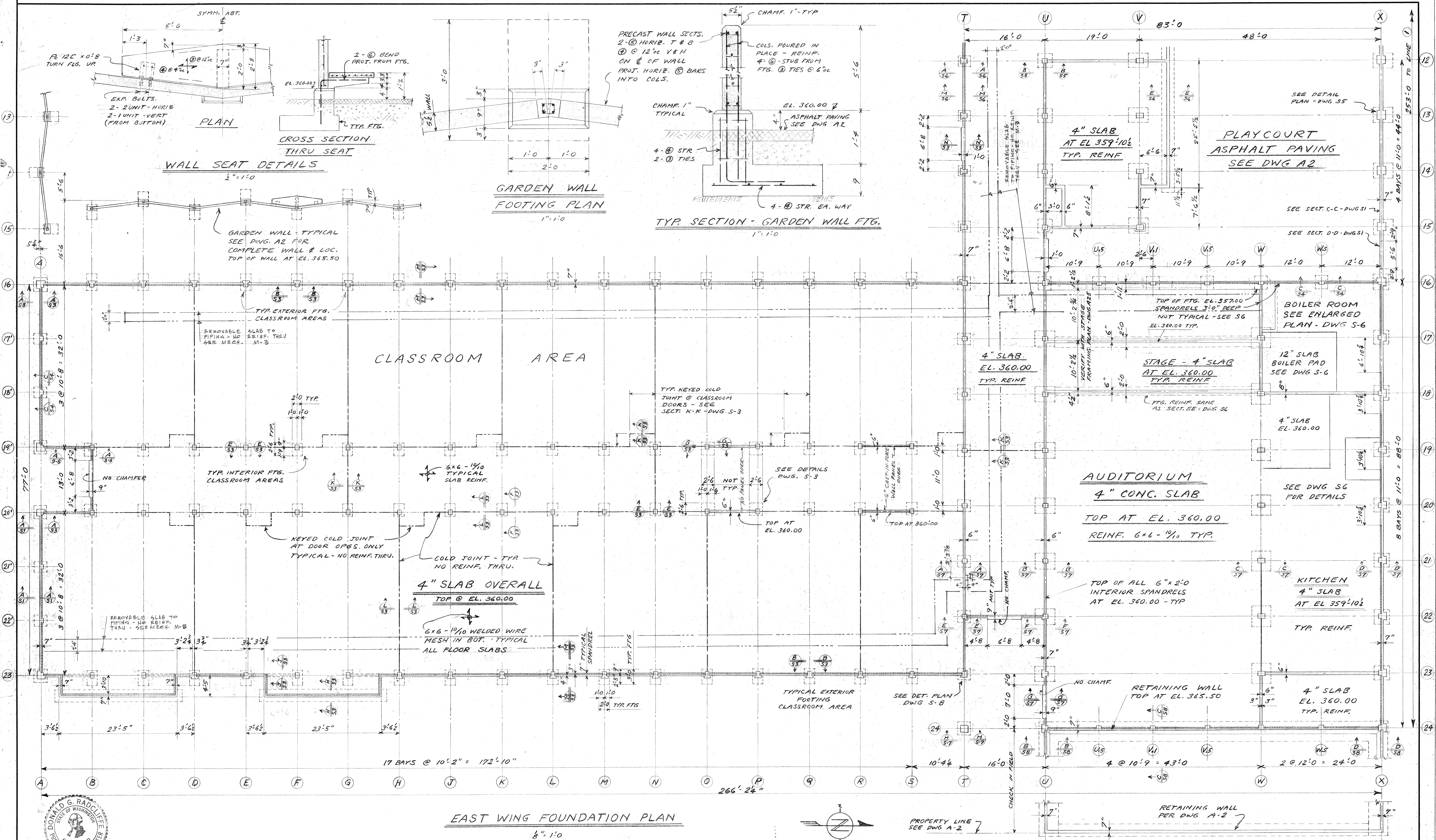
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1. VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING			1. ROOF VENTILATOR FRAMING, SEC. B												DRAWN BY CB					
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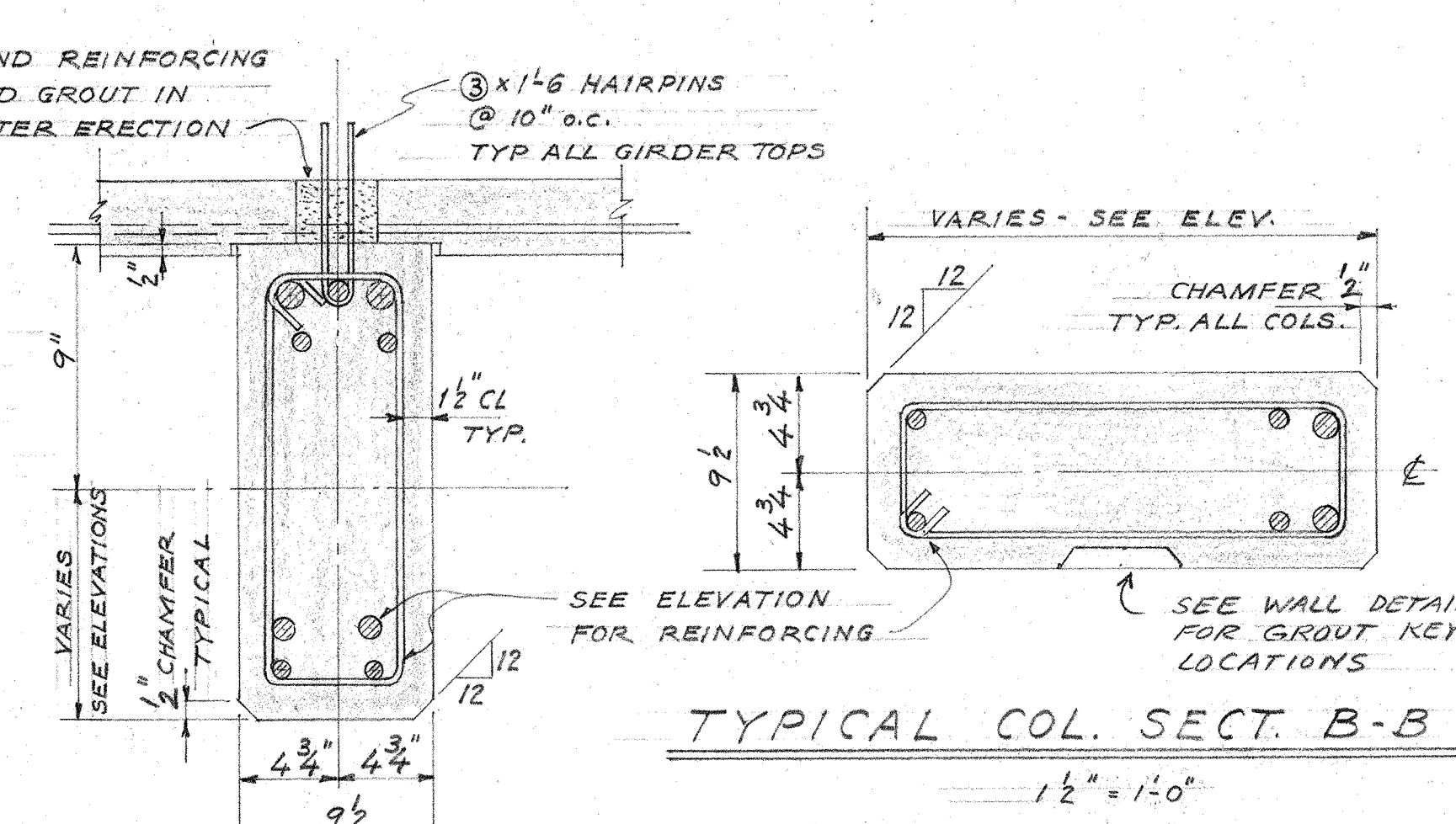
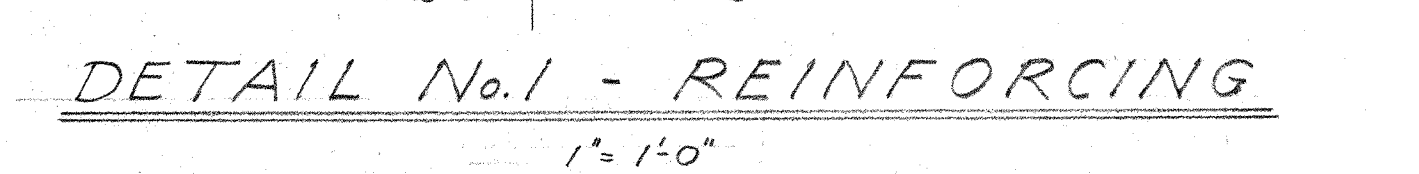
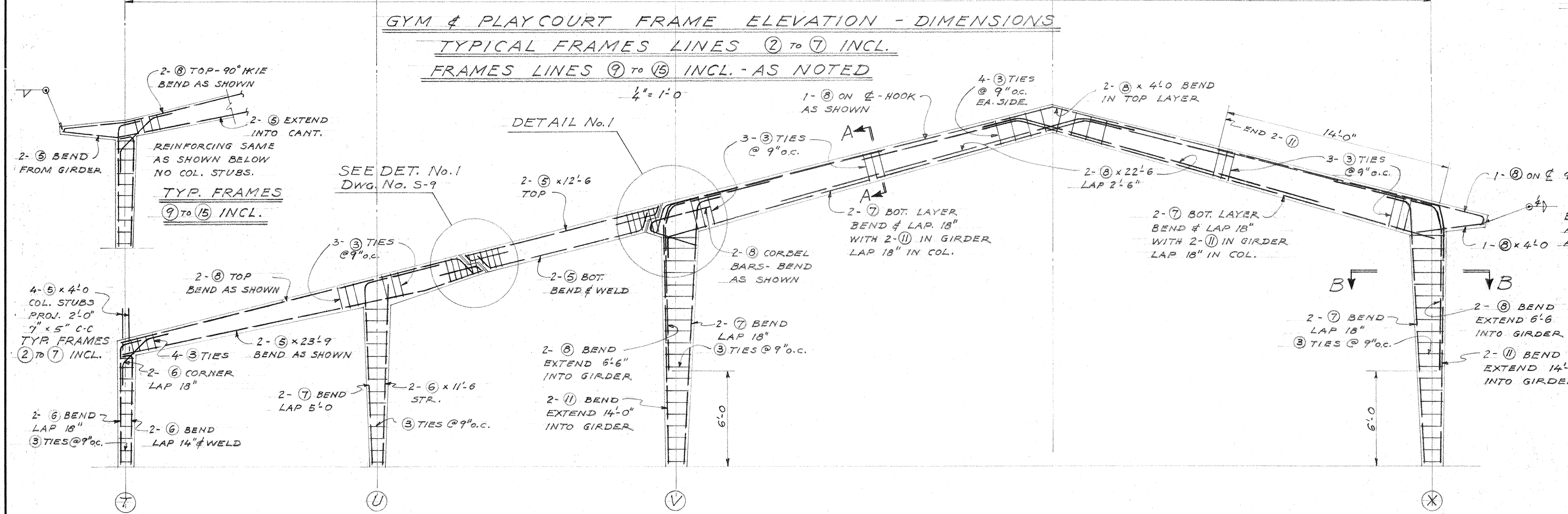
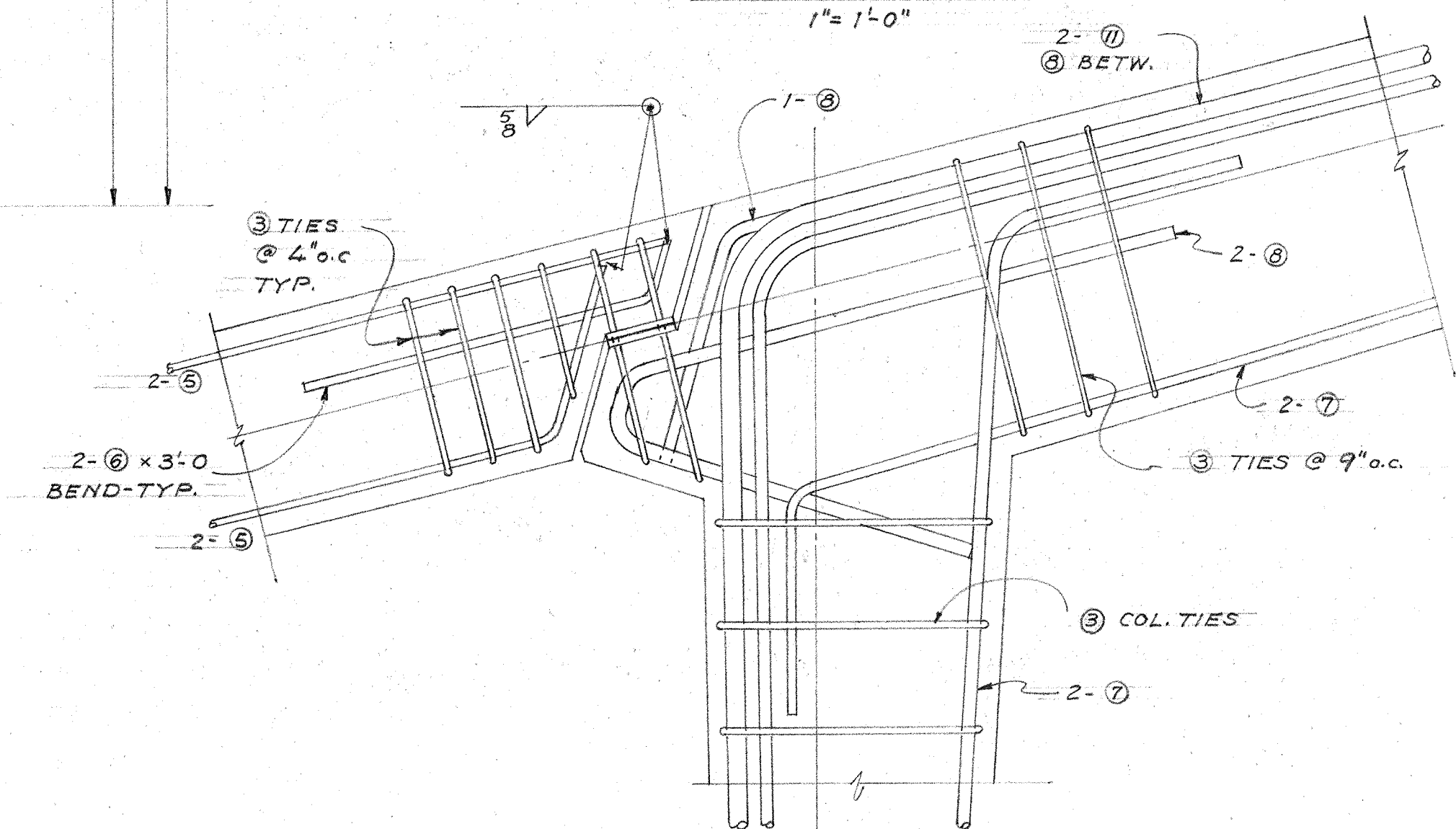
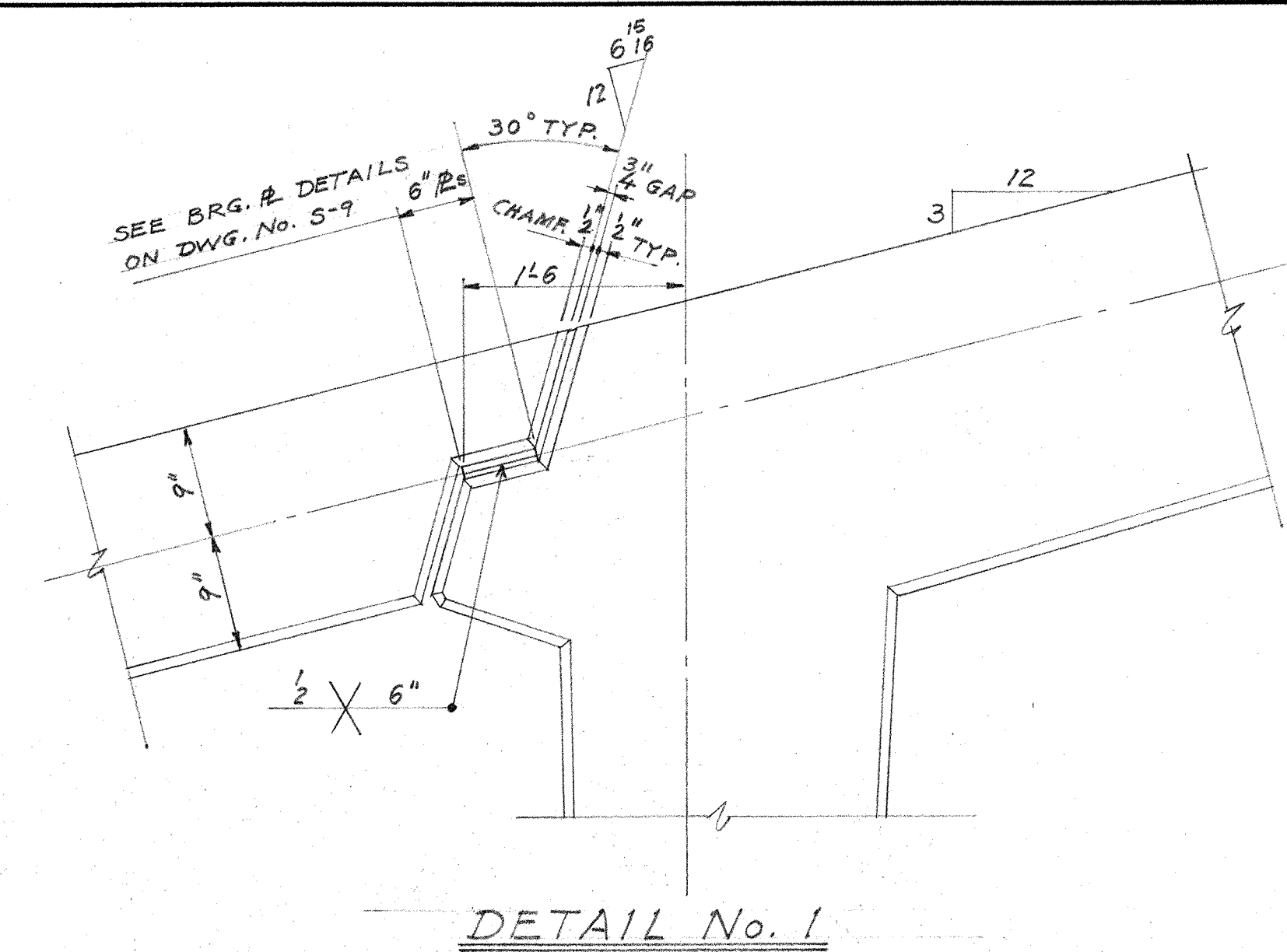
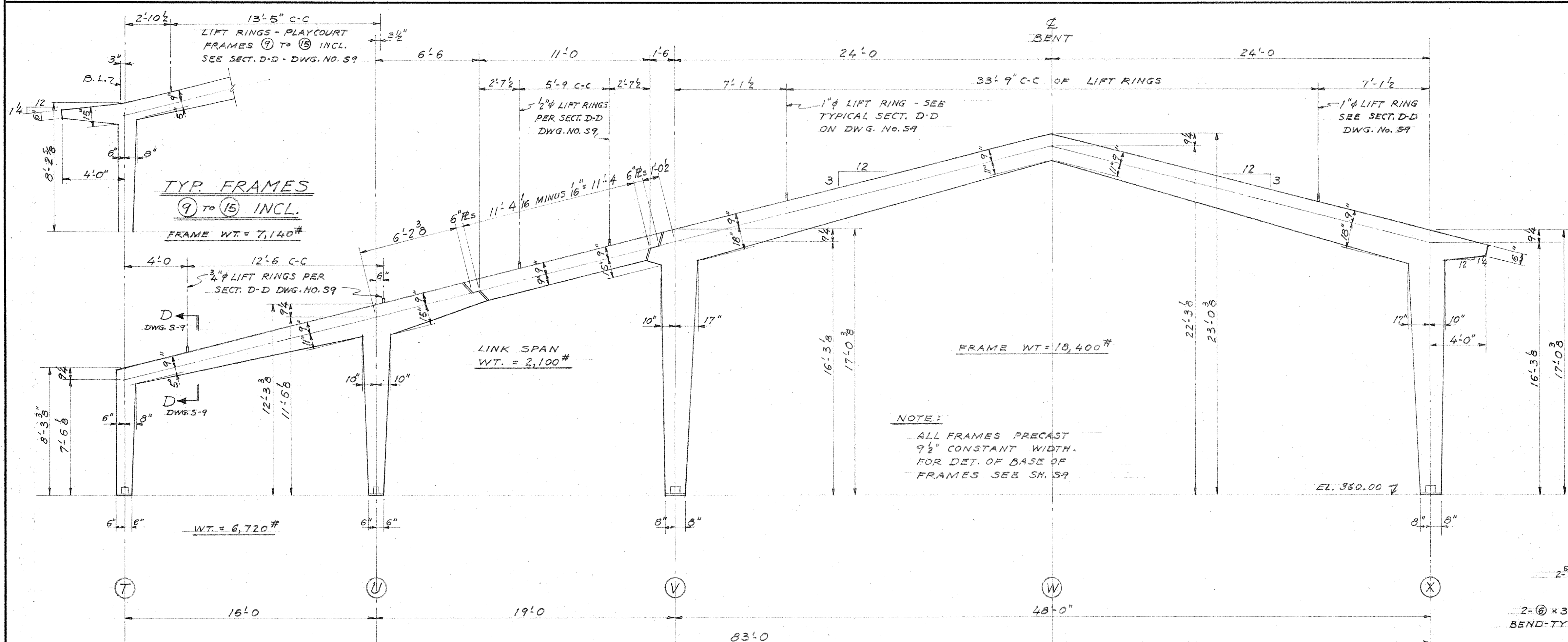






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1.	VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING										DRAWN BY	TRACED BY	CHECKED BY	ORG. ISSUE	REV. ISSUE	S-I
2.	CONC. F <sub>c</sub> : 2500 PSI @ 28 DAYS										BRT		DX	3-1-55		
3.	REINF. F <sub>y</sub> : 29,000 PSI - INTERMED. GRADE DEFORMED															

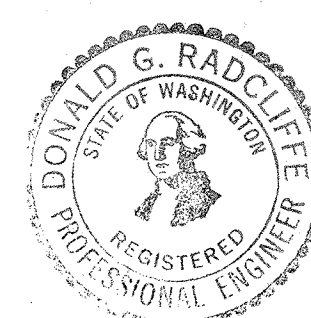




GYM. & PLAYCOURT FRAME ELEVATION-REINFORCING  
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FRAMES LINES ⑨ TO ⑮ INCL. AS NOTED  
4" = 1'-0"

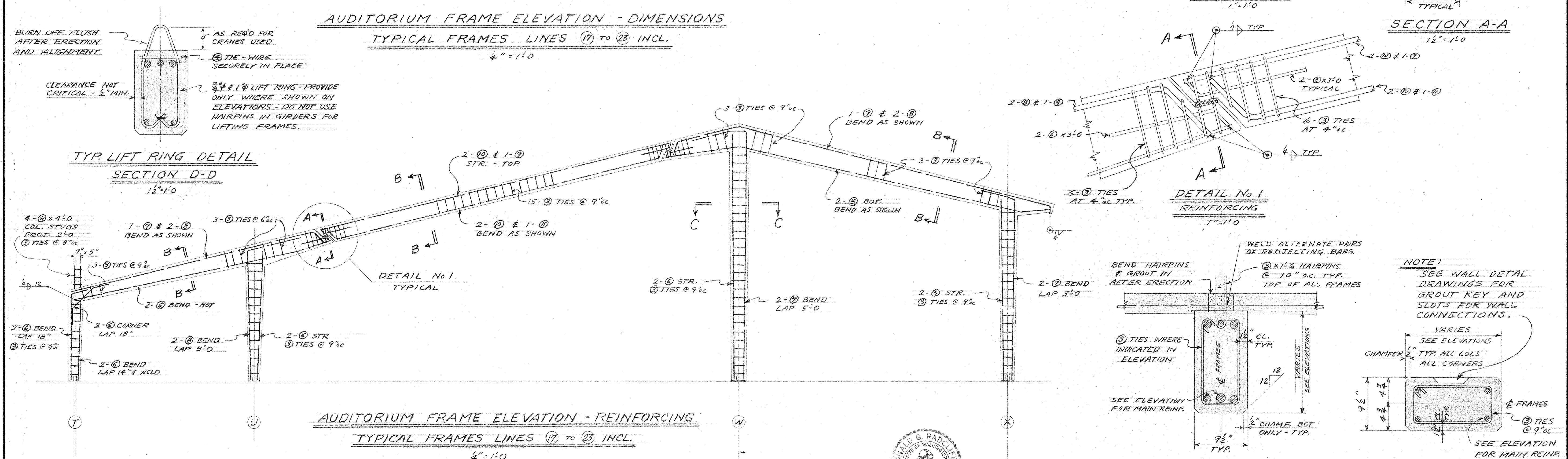
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CONCRETE  $f'_c = 3750$  P.S.I.  
REINF.  $f_s = 20,000$  P.S.I.  
SUPERVISED CONSTRUCTION  
DO NOT USE HAIRPINS FOR  
LIFTING, USE RINGS WHERE  
SHOWN, USE TYPICAL DETAIL  
ON DWG. S-3.

TYP. GIRDER SECT. A-A



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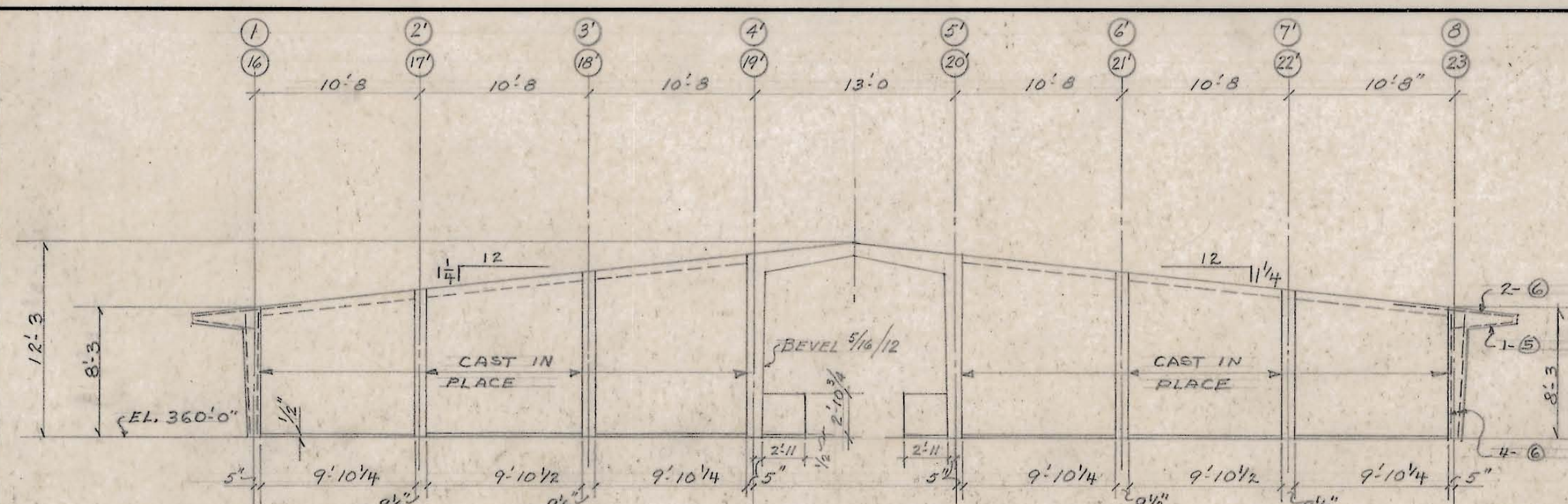
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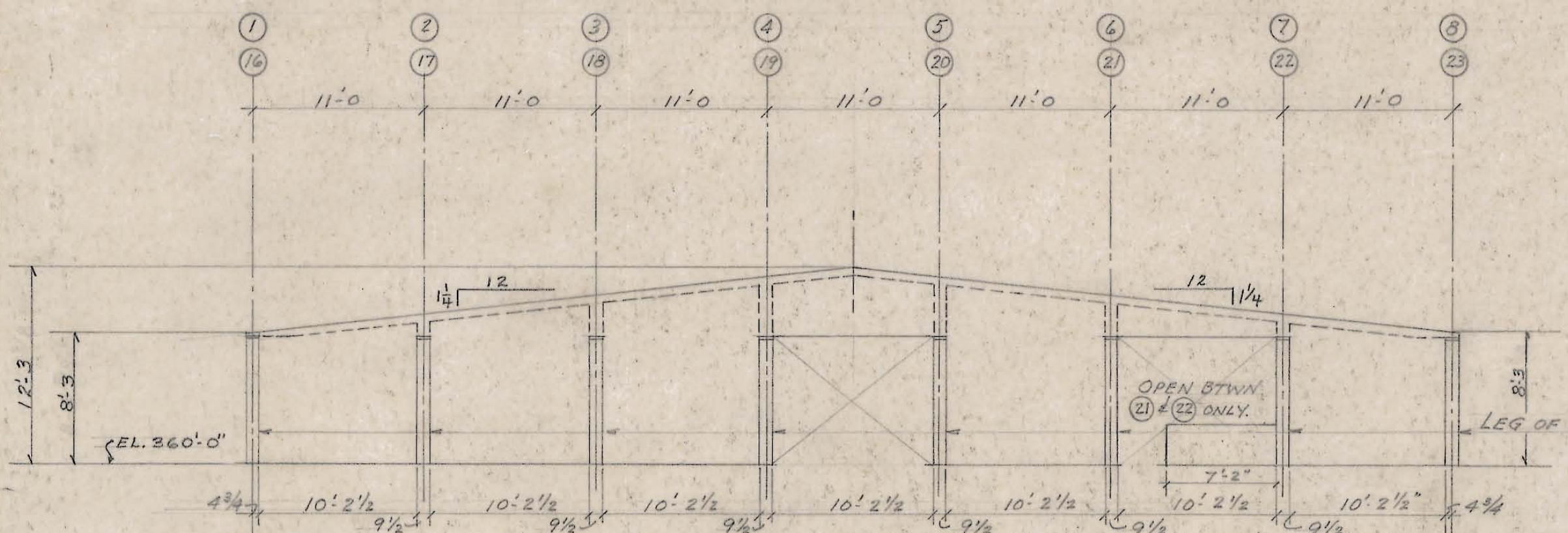
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1. VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING CONCRETE $f'_c = 3750 \text{ PSI}$ REINFORCING $f_s = 20,000 \text{ PSI}$ SUPERVISED CONSTRUCTION										
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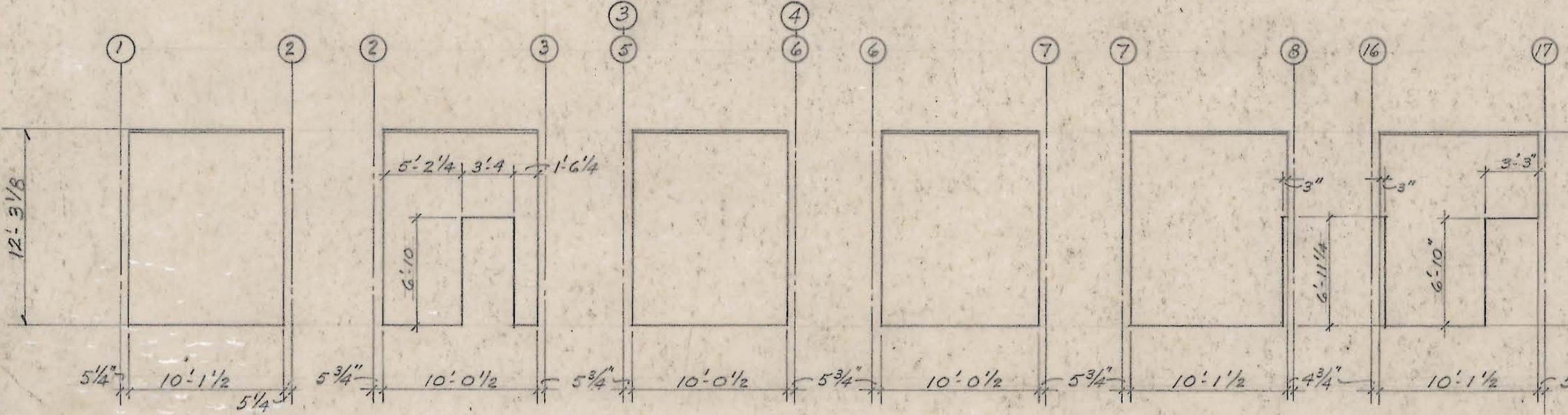




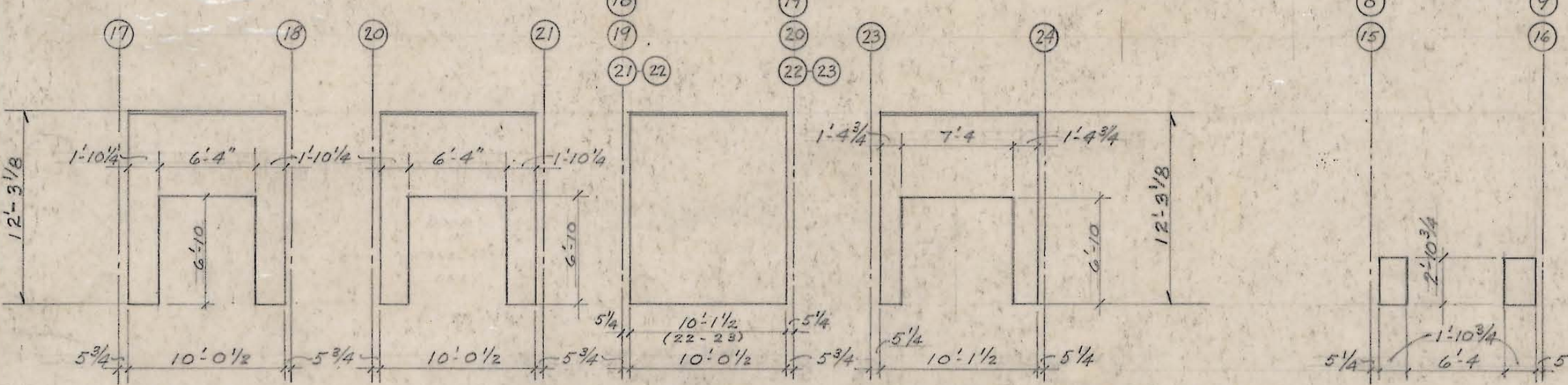
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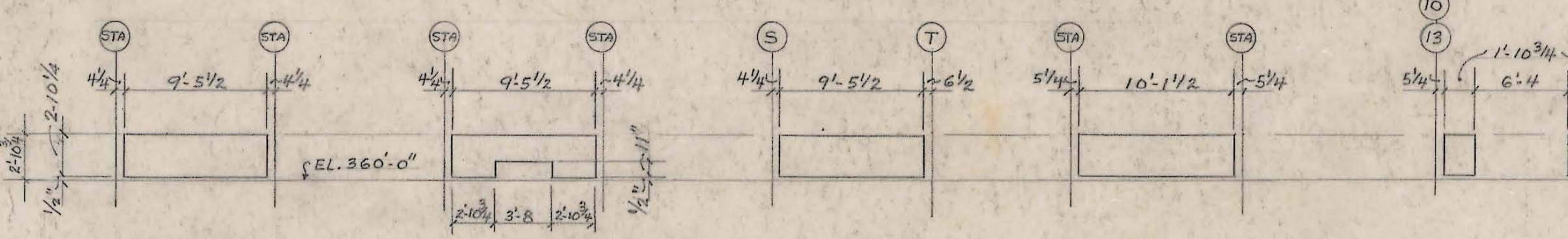
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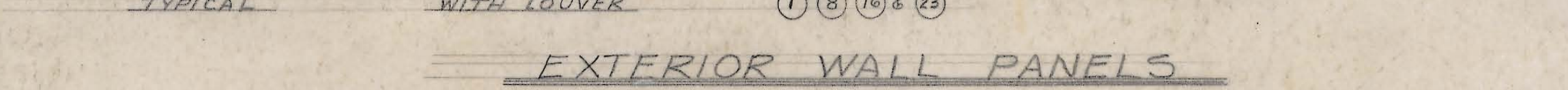
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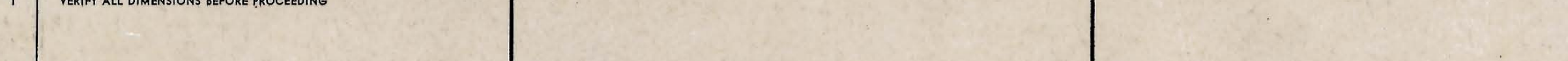
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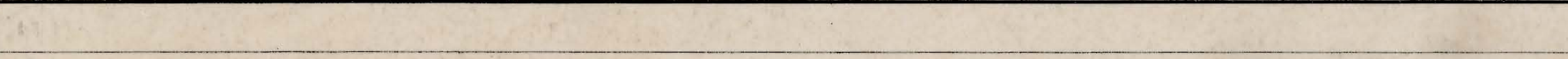
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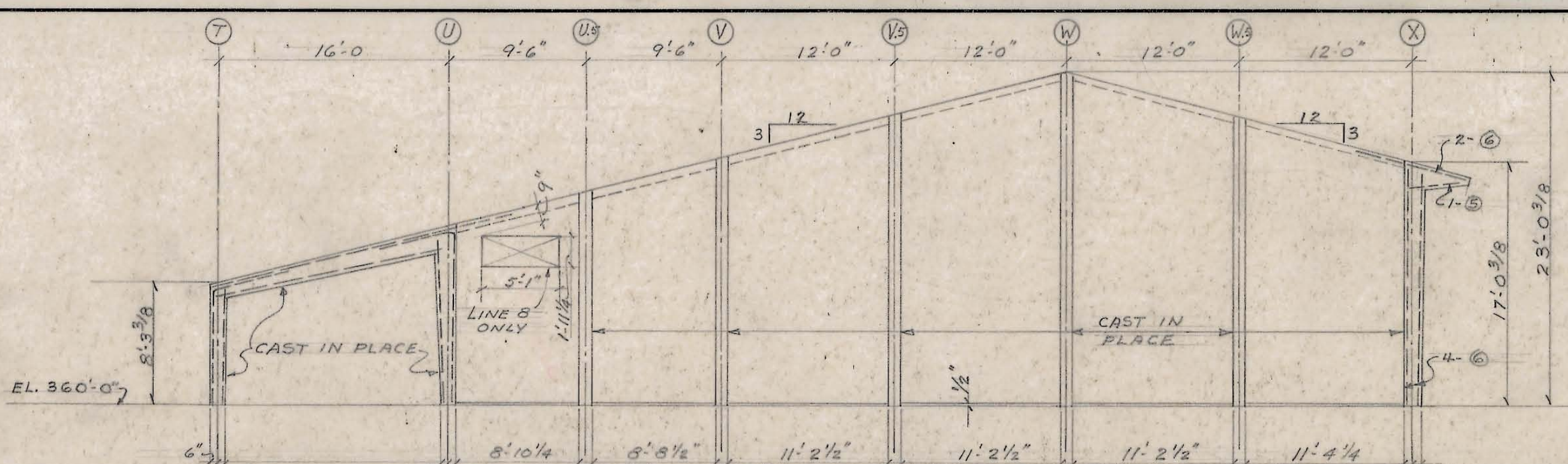
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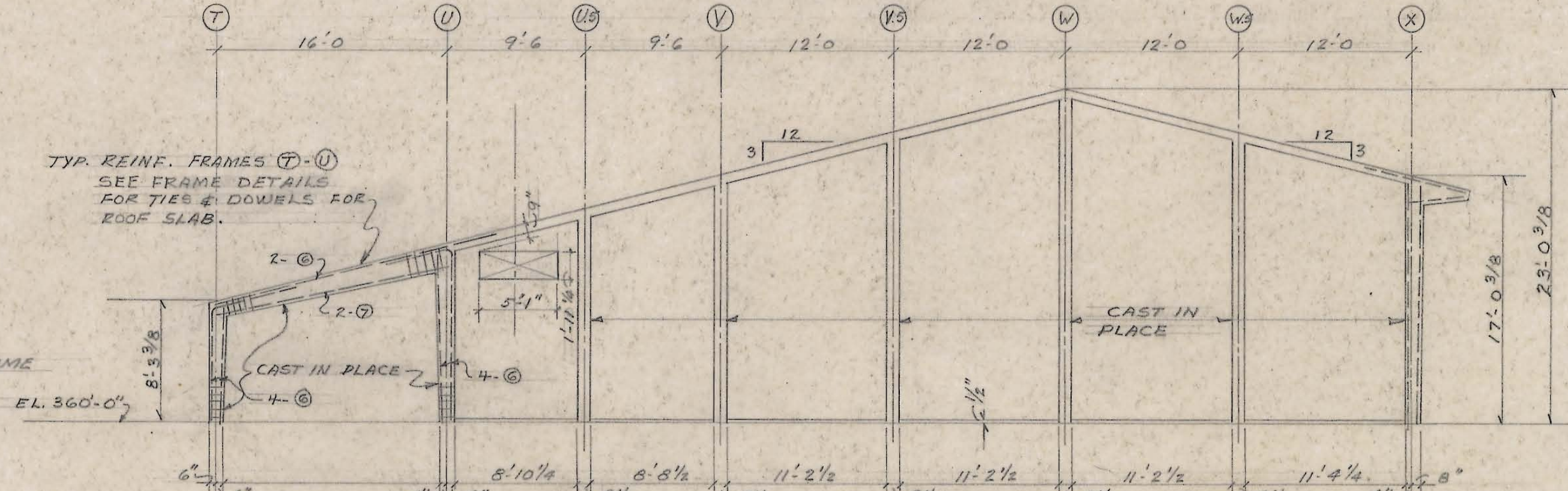
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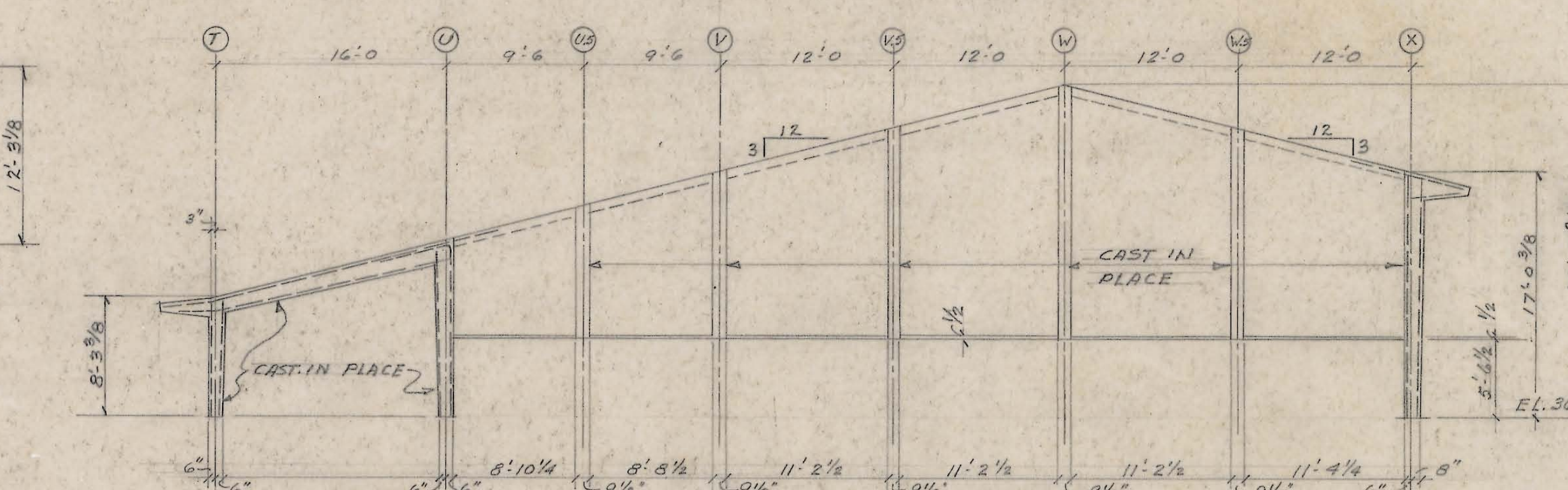
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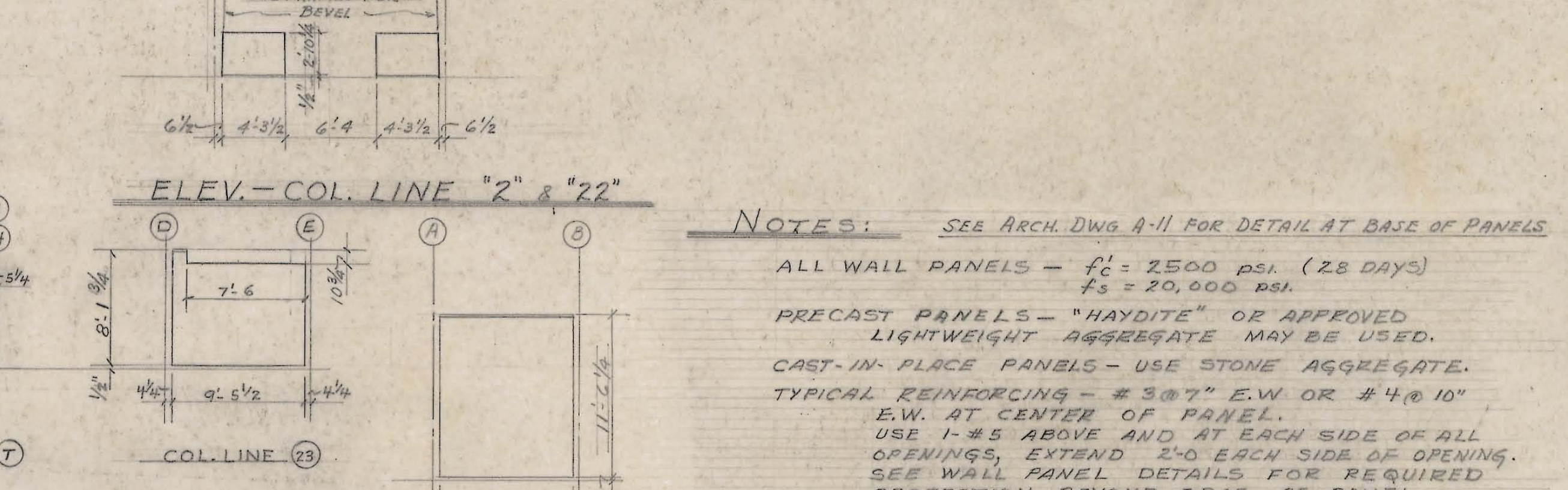
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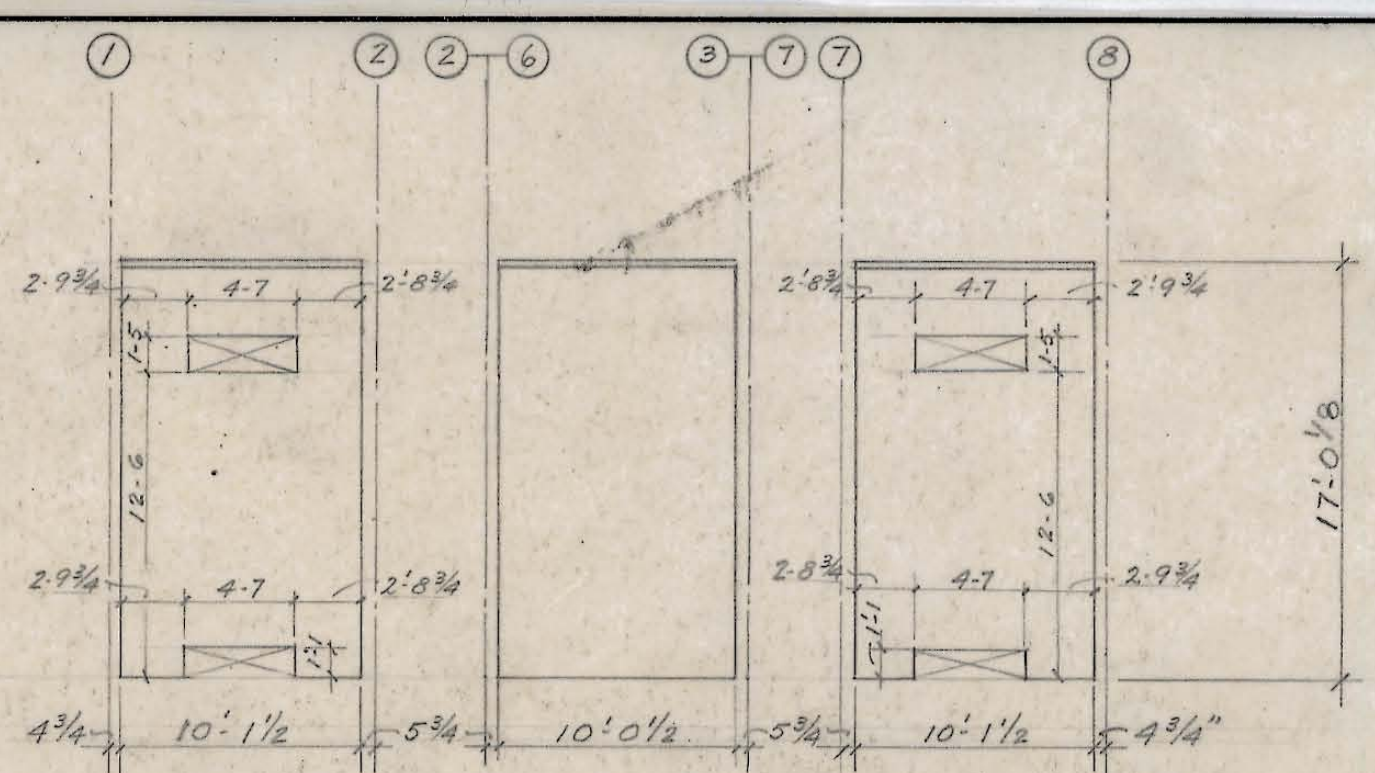
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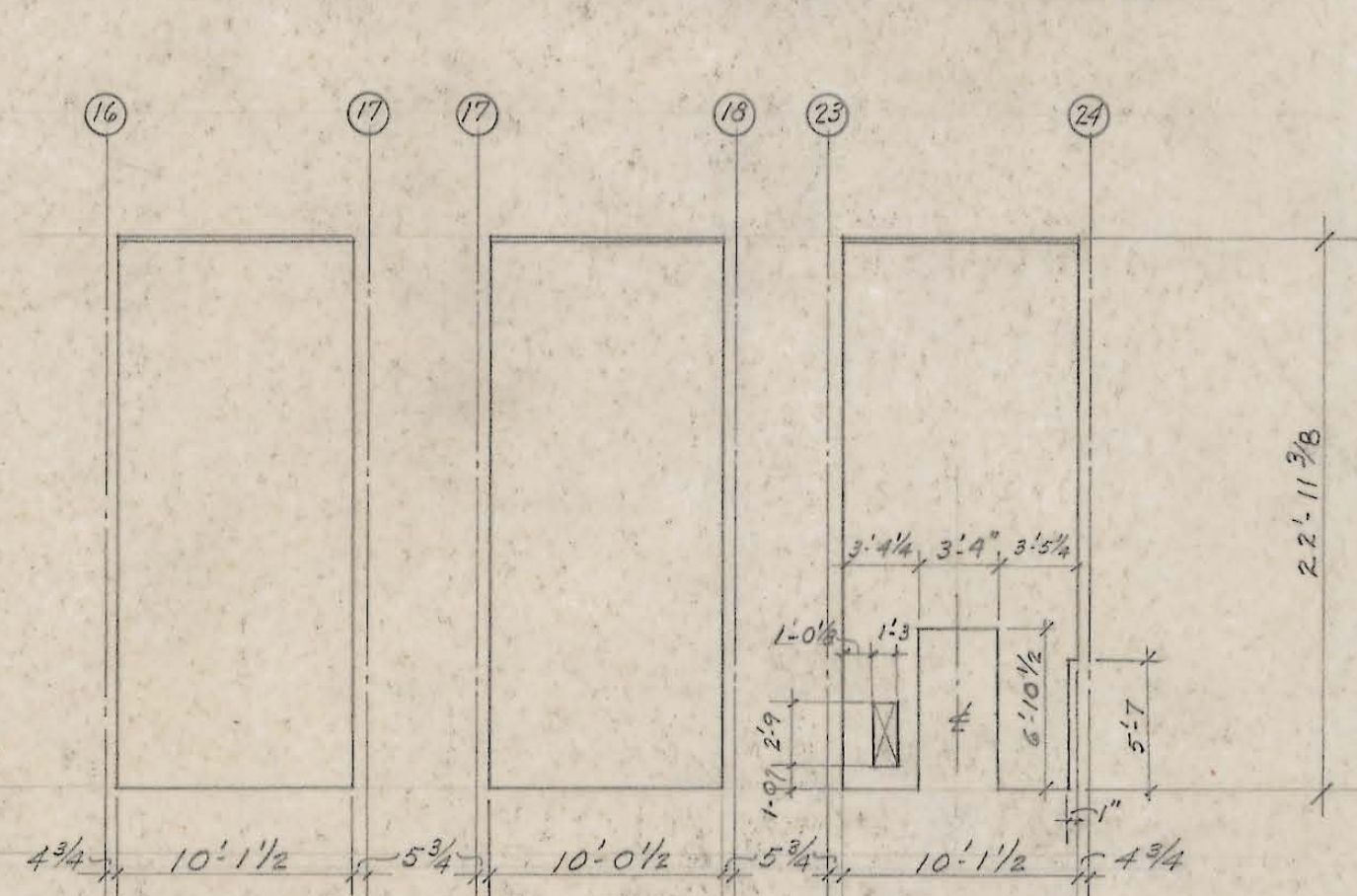
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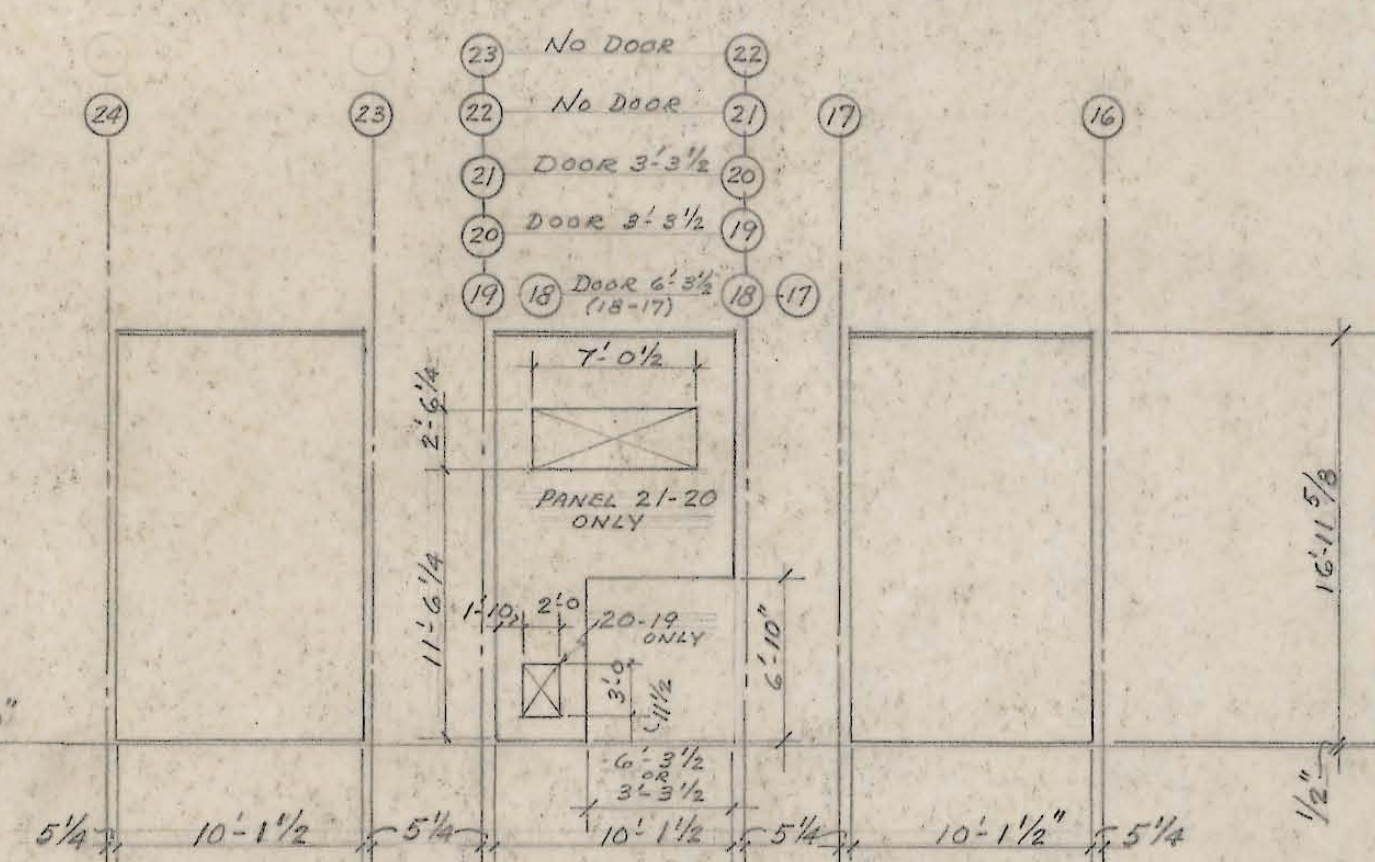
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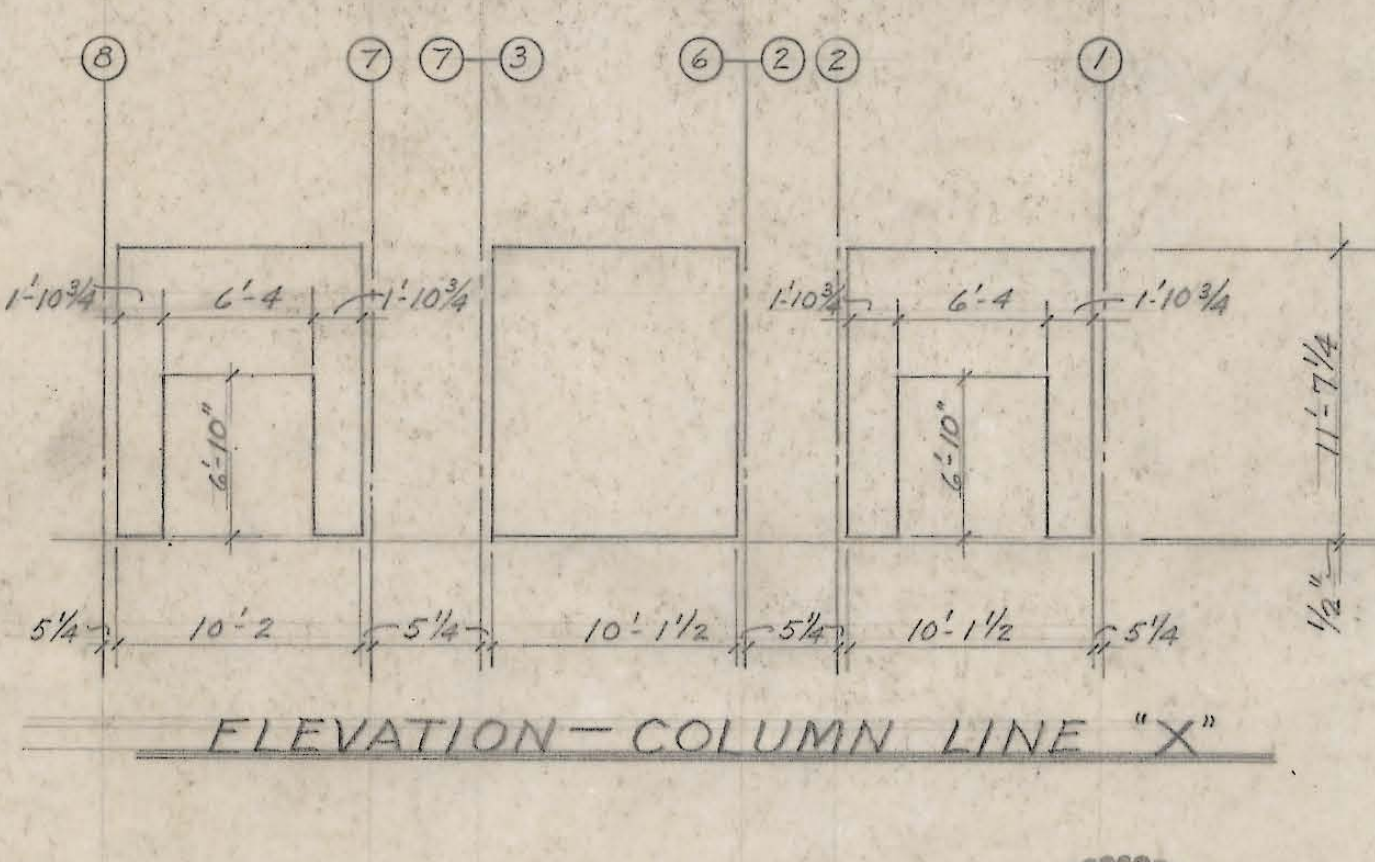
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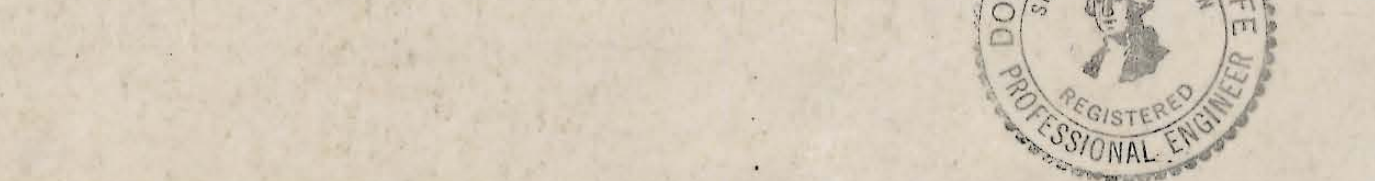
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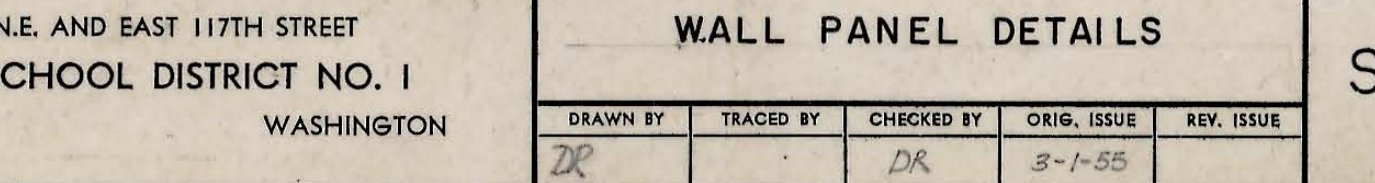
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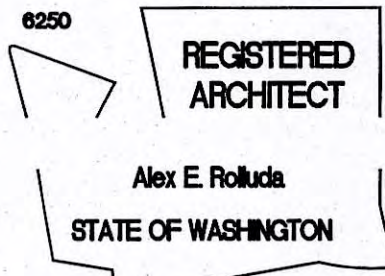
NOTES: SEE ARCH. DWG. A-11 FOR DETAIL AT BASE OF PANELS  
ALL WALL PANELS -  $f'_c = 2500$  PSI (28 DAYS)  
 $f_s = 20,000$  PSI  
PRECAST PANELS - "HAYDITE" OR APPROVED  
LIGHTWEIGHT AGGREGATE MAY BE USED.  
CAST-IN-PLACE PANELS - USE STONE AGGREGATE.  
TYPICAL REINFORCING - #3 @ 7" E.W. OR #4 @ 10"  
E.W. AT CENTER OF PANEL.  
USE 1-#5 ABOVE AND AT EACH SIDE OF ALL  
OPENINGS, EXTEND 2'-0" EACH SIDE OF OPENING.  
SEE WALL PANEL DETAILS FOR REQUIRED  
PROTECTION BEYOND EDGE OF PANEL.  
USE CORNER BARS AT WALL INTERSECTIONS  
LAP BARS 30 DIAMETERS.  
SUBMIT SHOP DRAWINGS FOR PRECAST WALL PANELS PRIOR TO CASTING.



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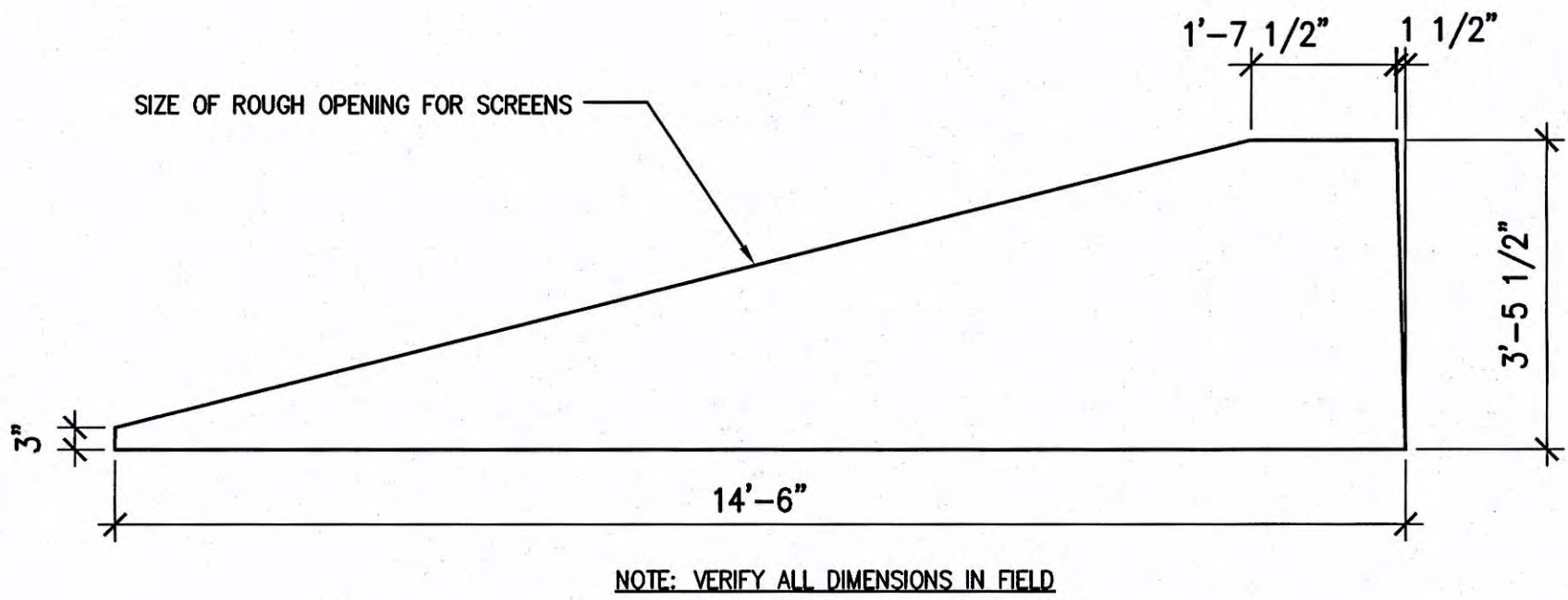
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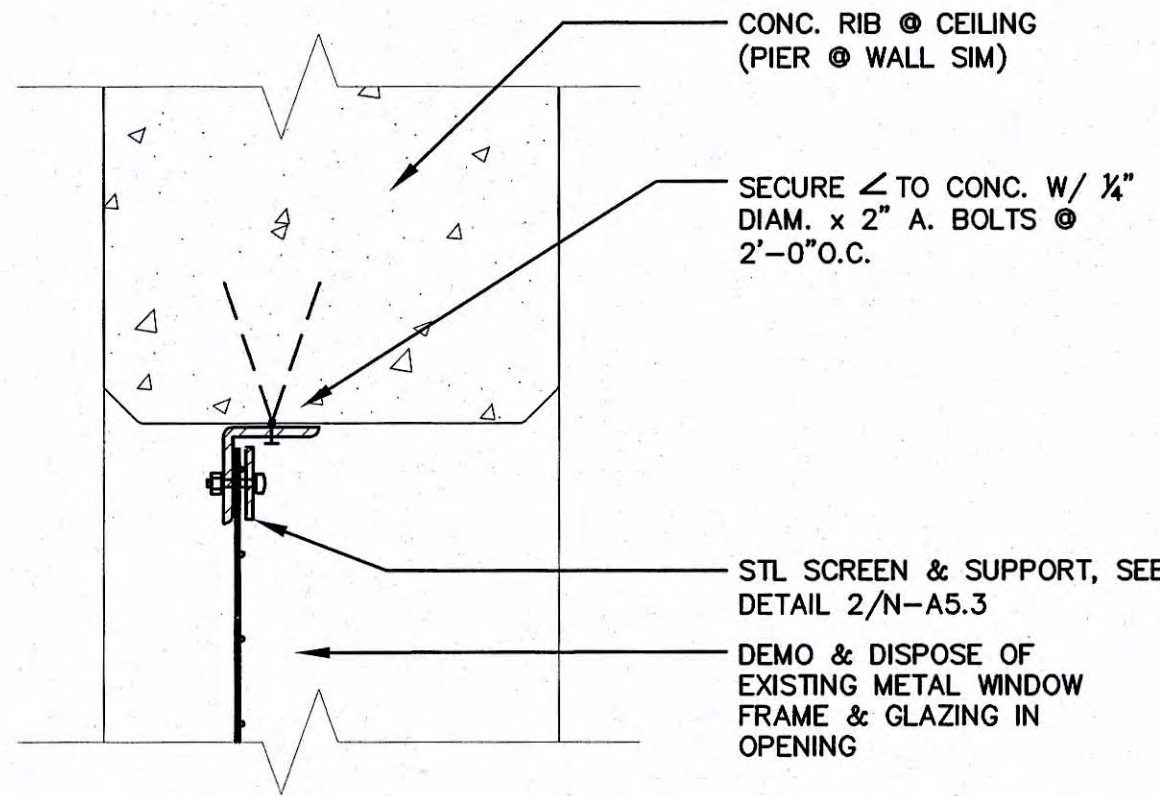
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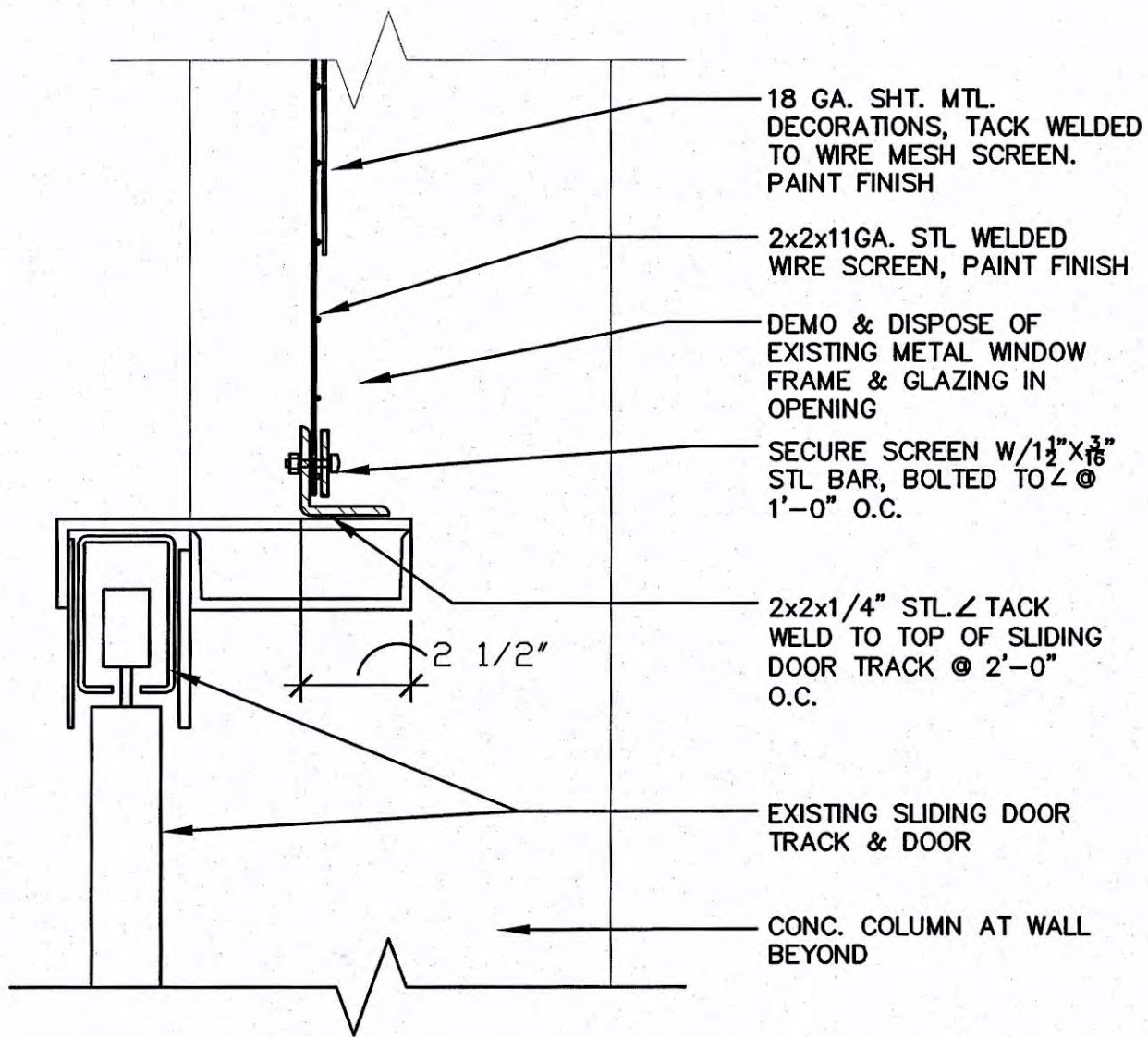
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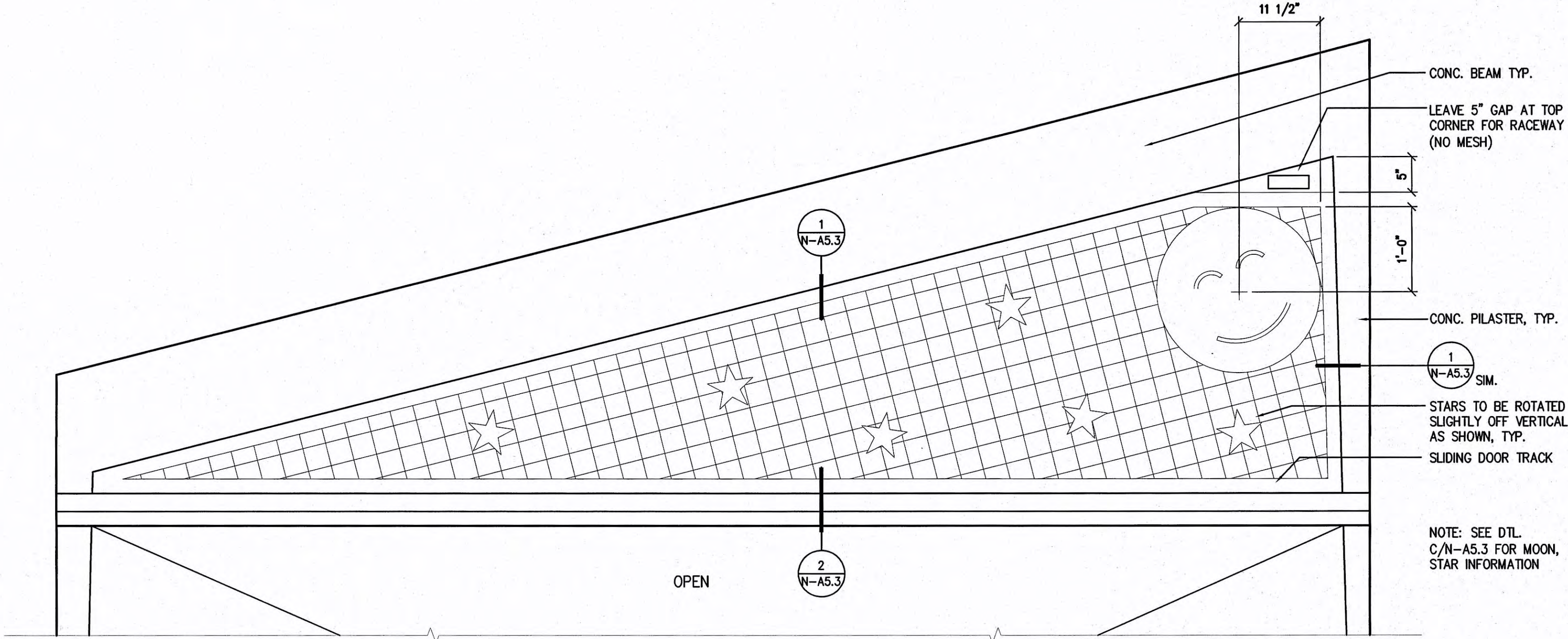
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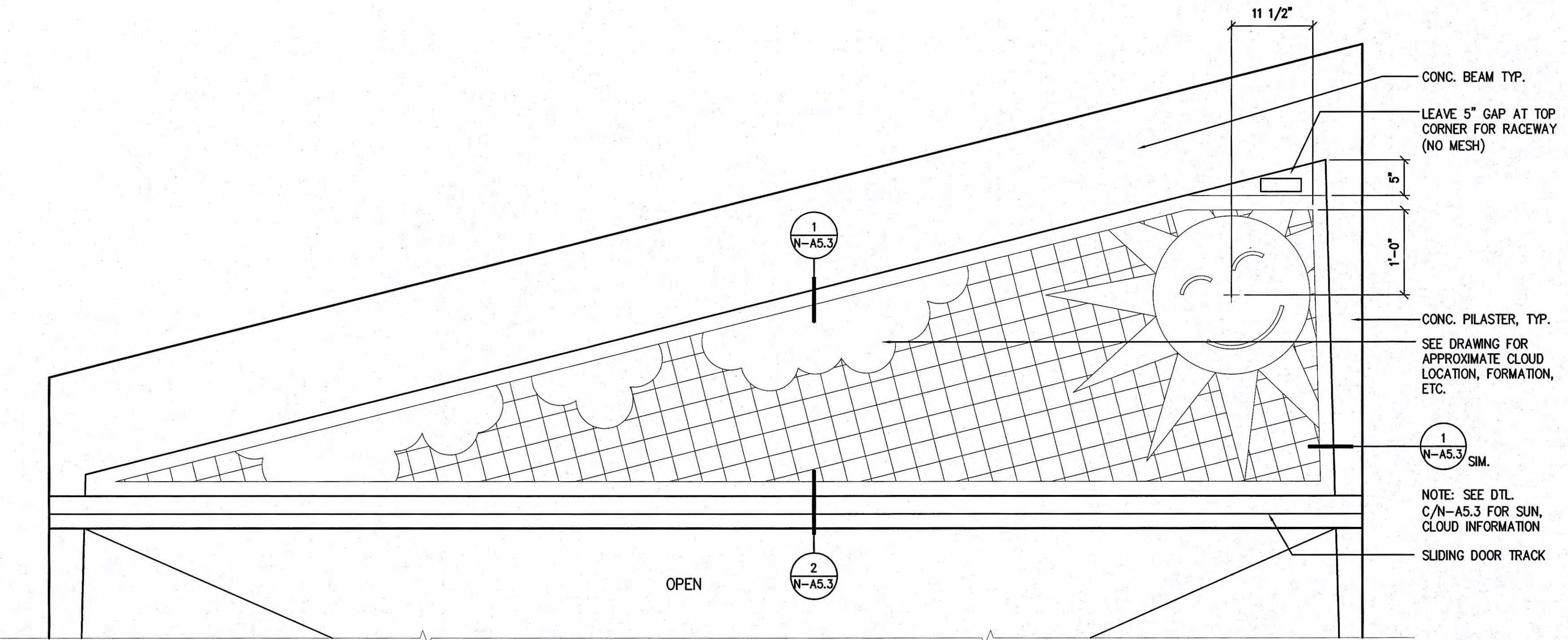
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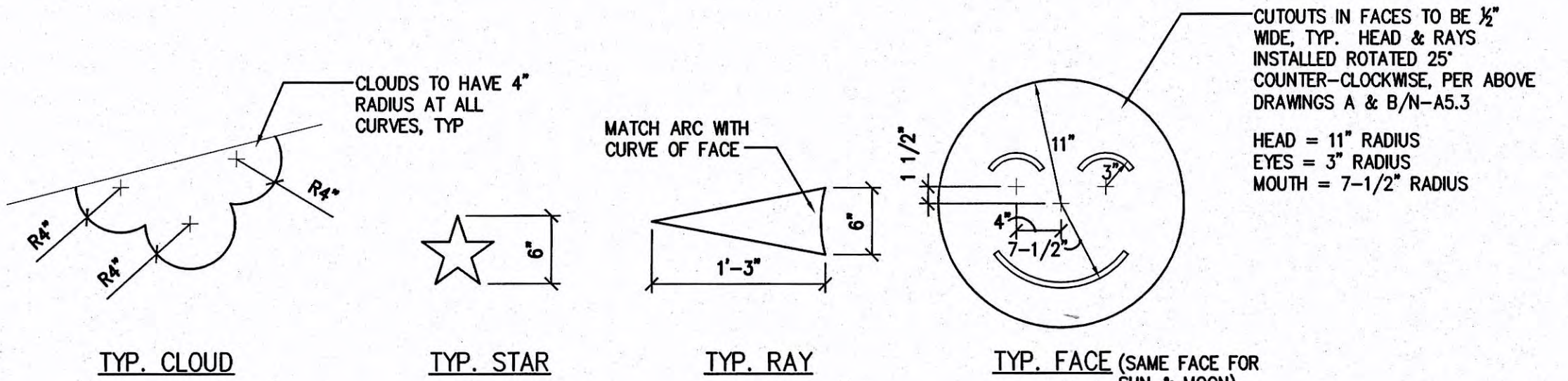
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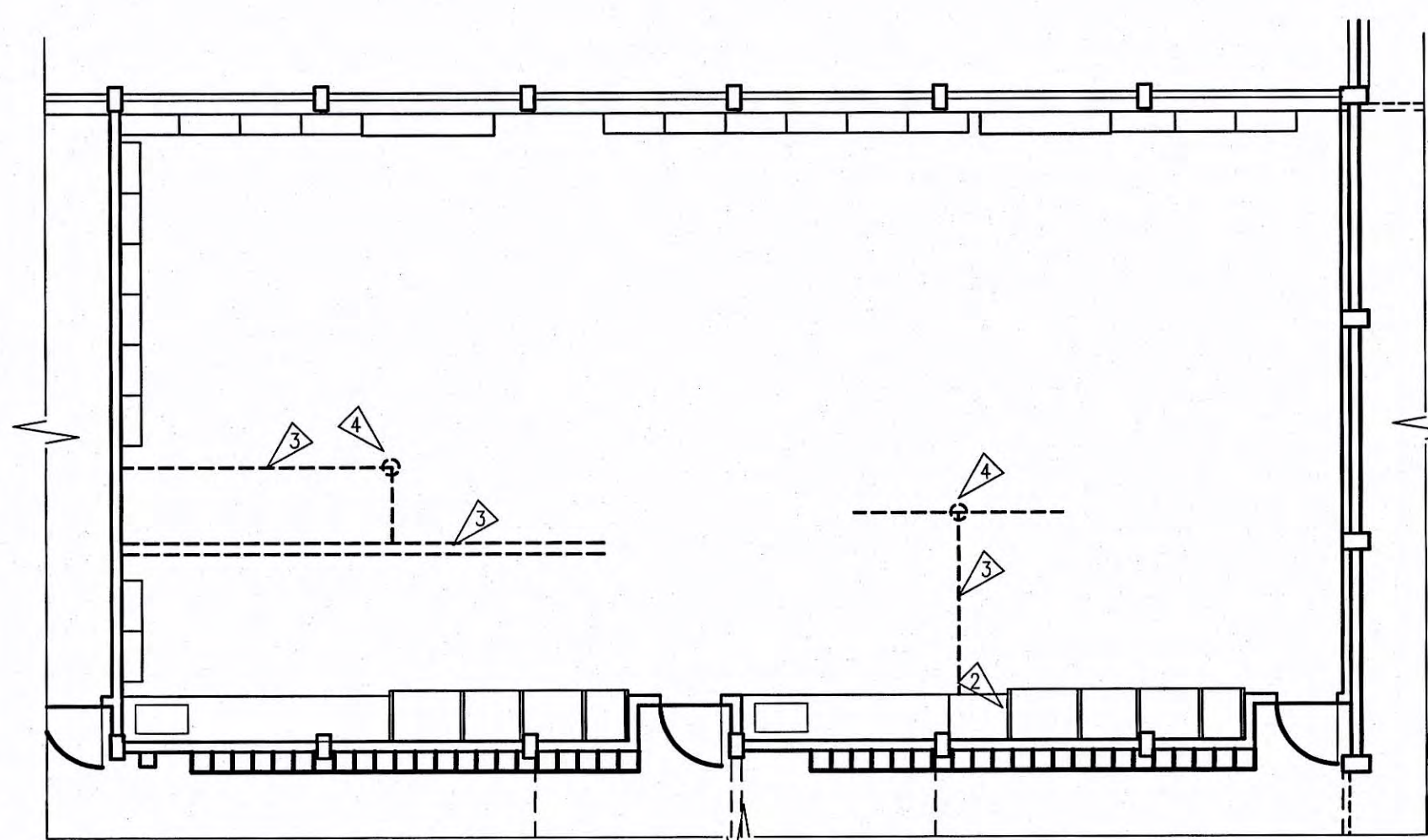


NOTES: SHEET METAL DECORATIONS ON SCREEN TO BE 18 GA STL  
FILE ALL EDGES SMOOTH.  
DECORATIONS TO BE SPOT-WELDED TO SCREENS.  
PAINT FINISH, TYP.

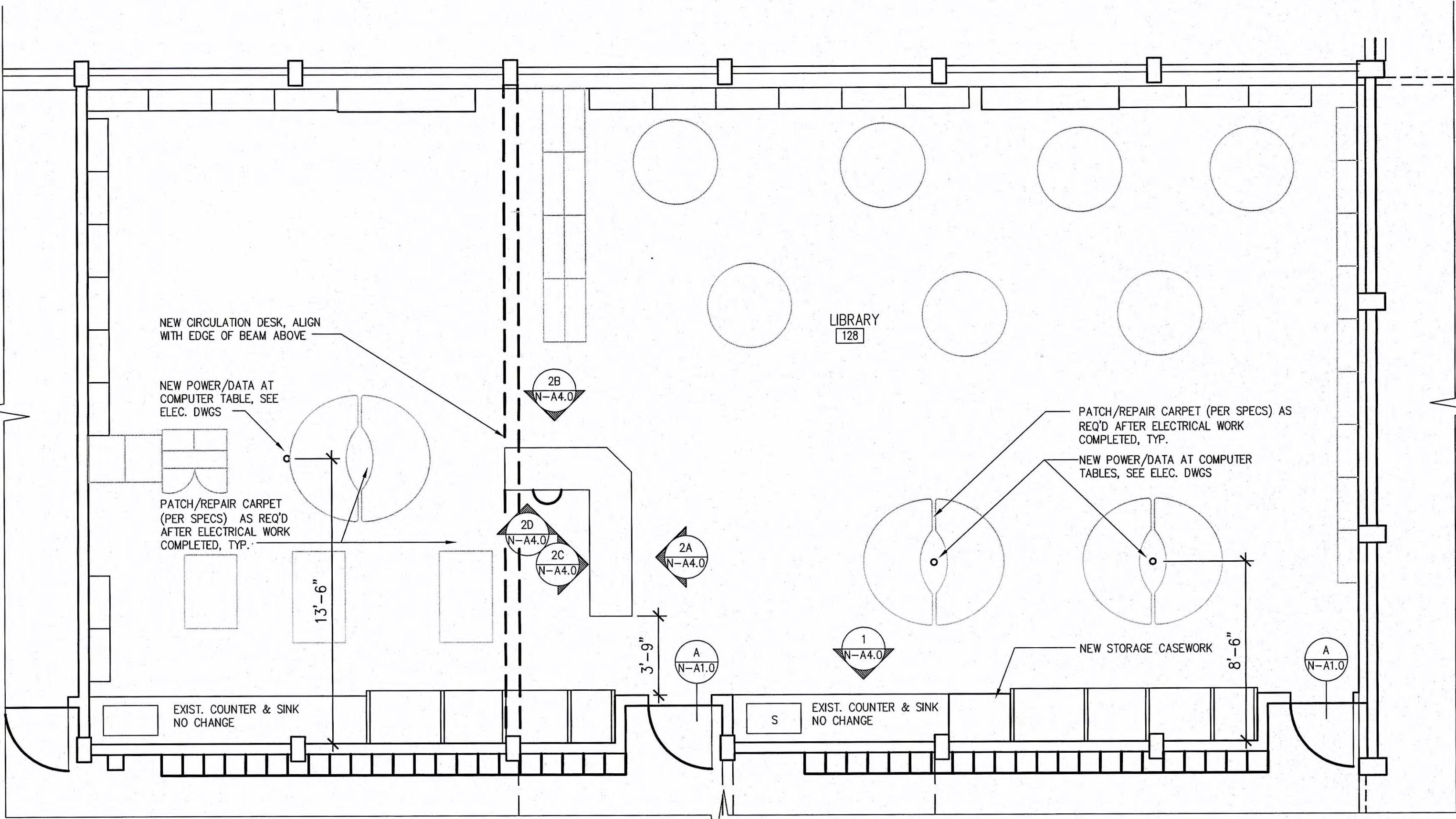
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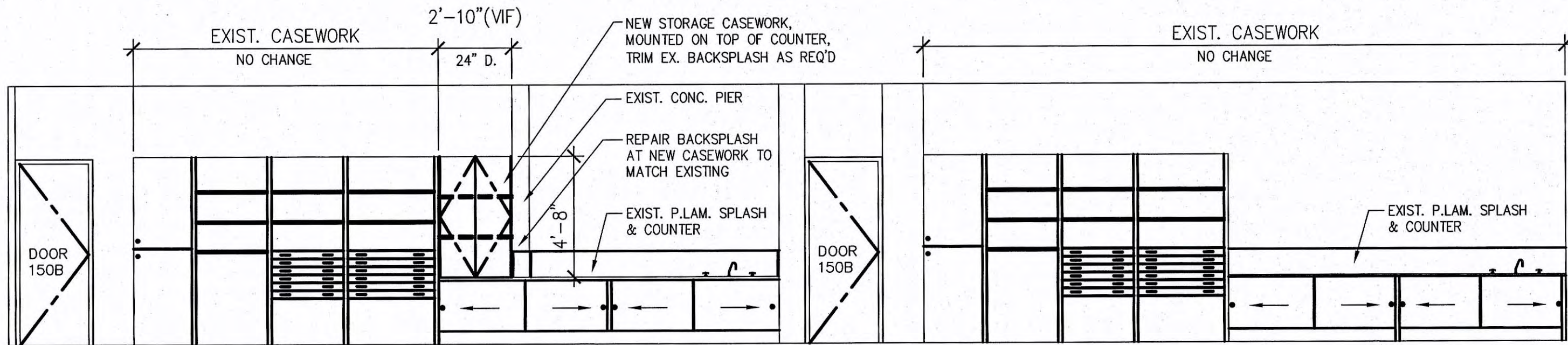
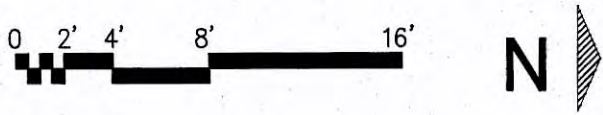
- DEMOLITION FLAG NOTES
- 1 -- NOT USED --
  - 2 DEMO EXIST. P.LAM BACKSPLASH TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW CASEWORK
  - 3 REMOVE PANCAKE MOLD, SEE ELECTRICAL.
  - 4 REMOVE EXIST. POWER POLE, SEE ELECTRICAL



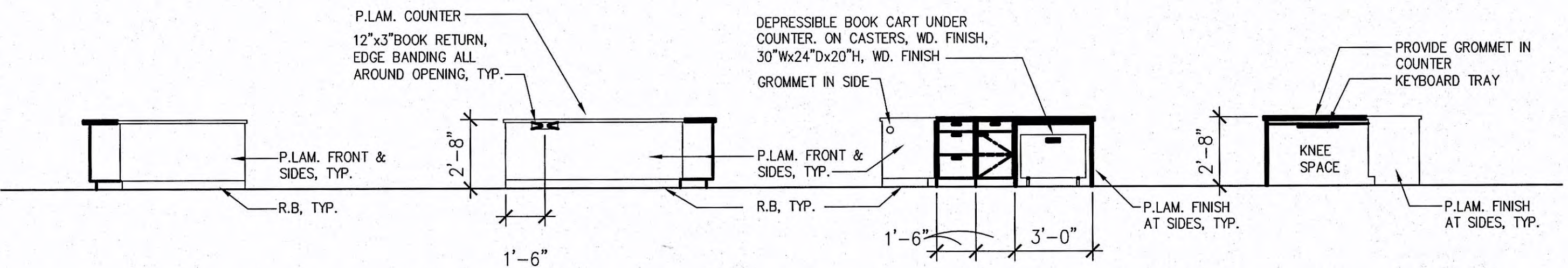
EXISTING/DEMO LIBRARY PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



A PROPOSED LIBRARY PLAN  
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1 EAST ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" LIBRARY 128

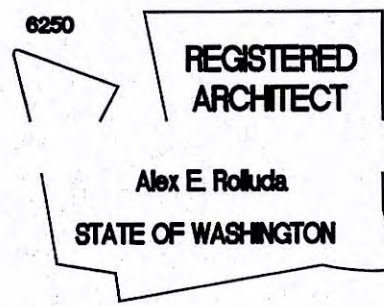


2 CIRCULATION DESK ELEVATIONS  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" LIBRARY 128

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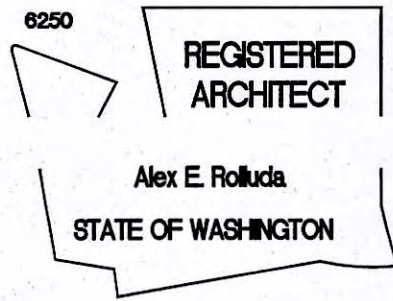
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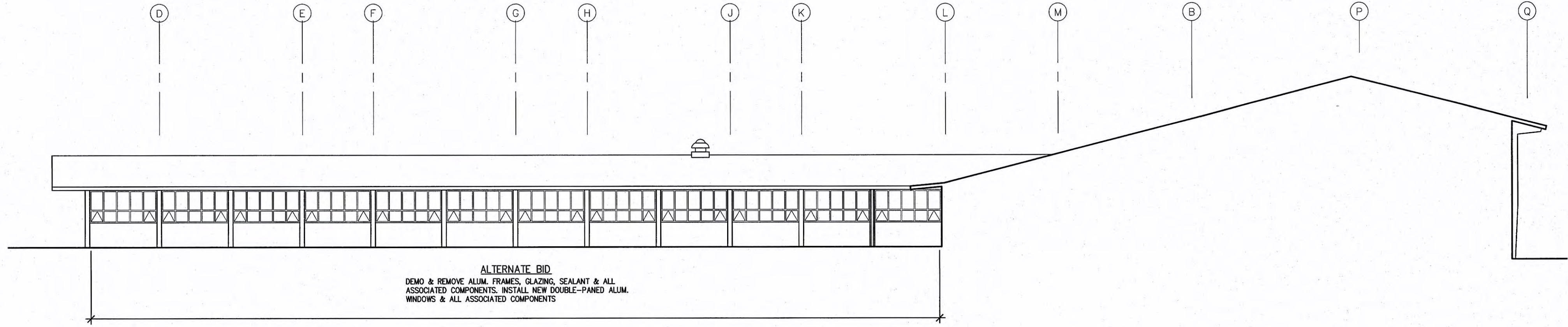
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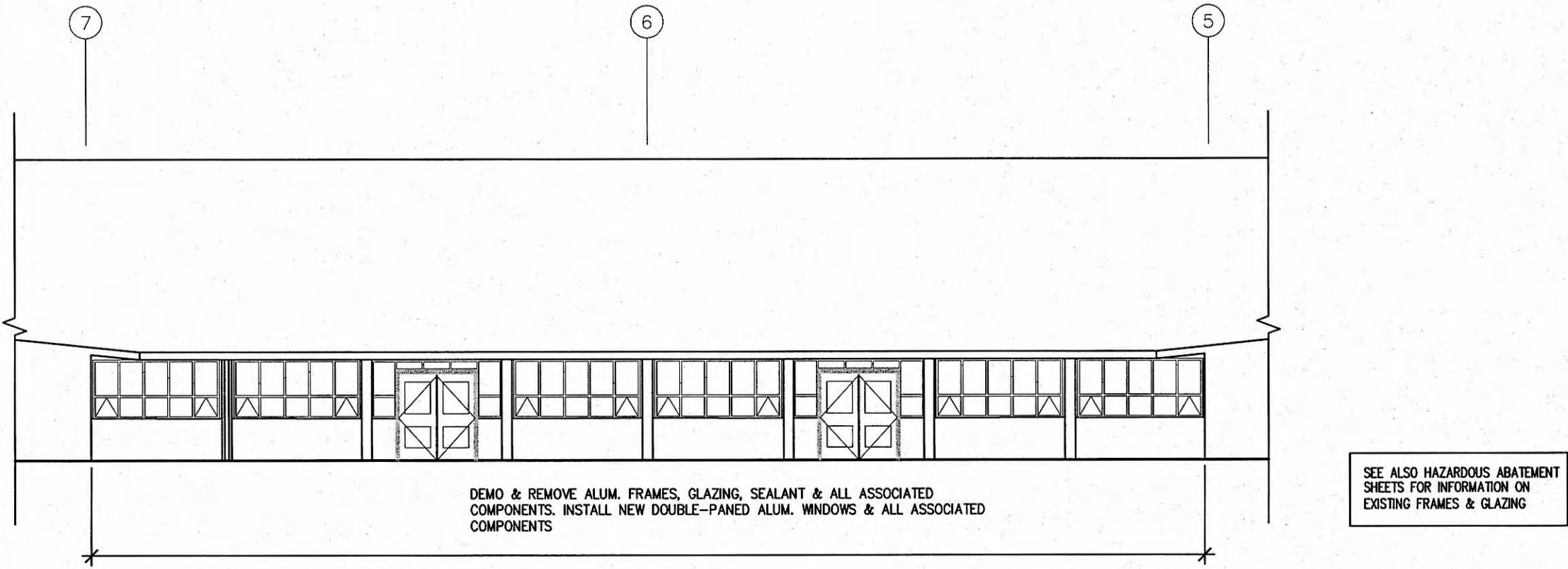
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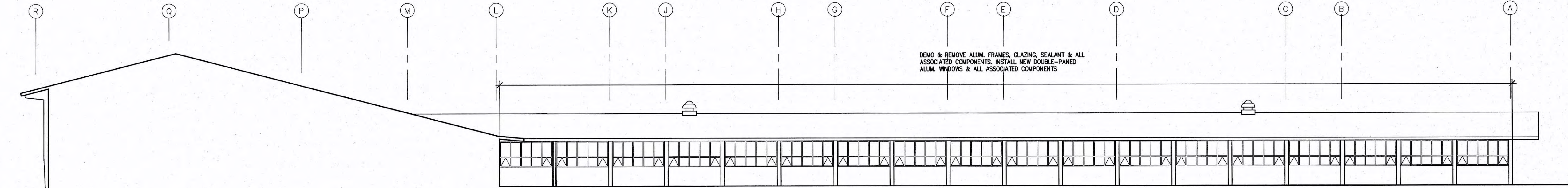
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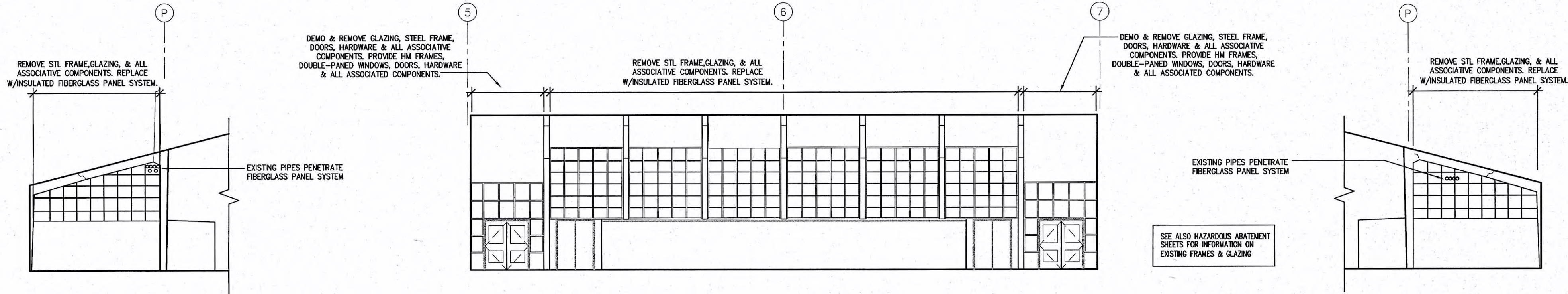
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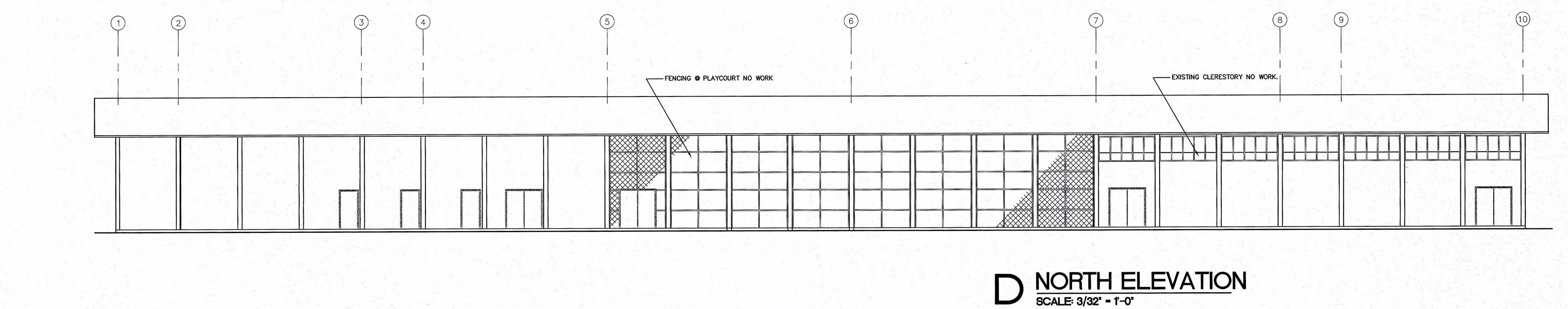
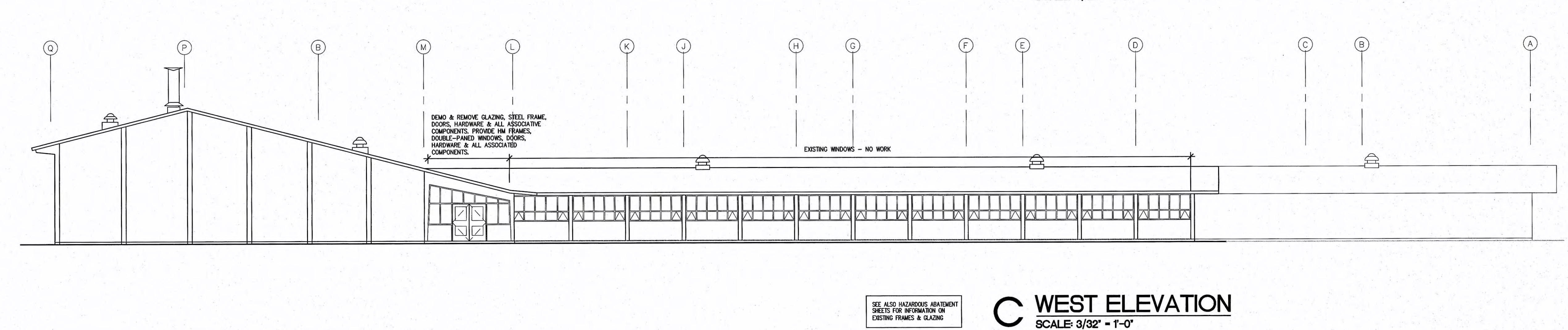
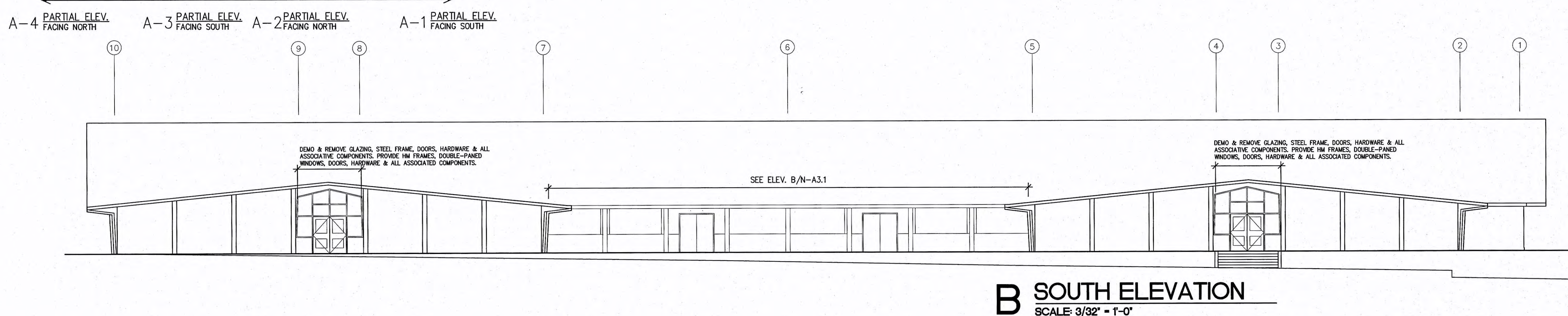
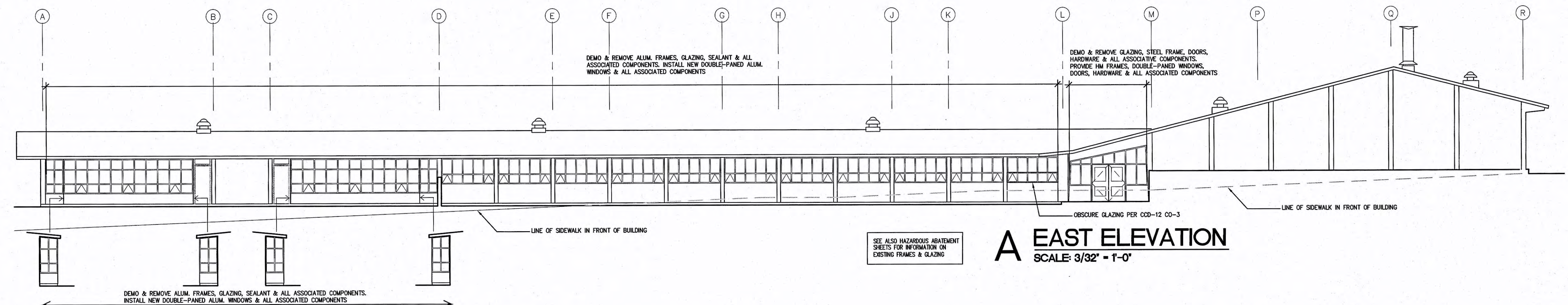


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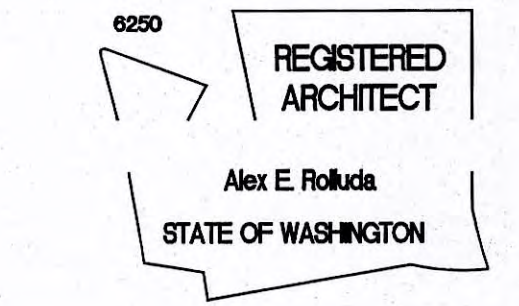




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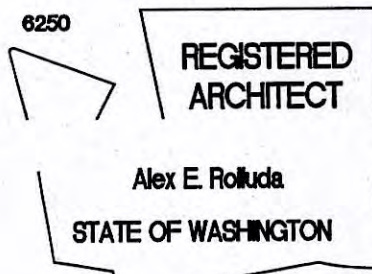
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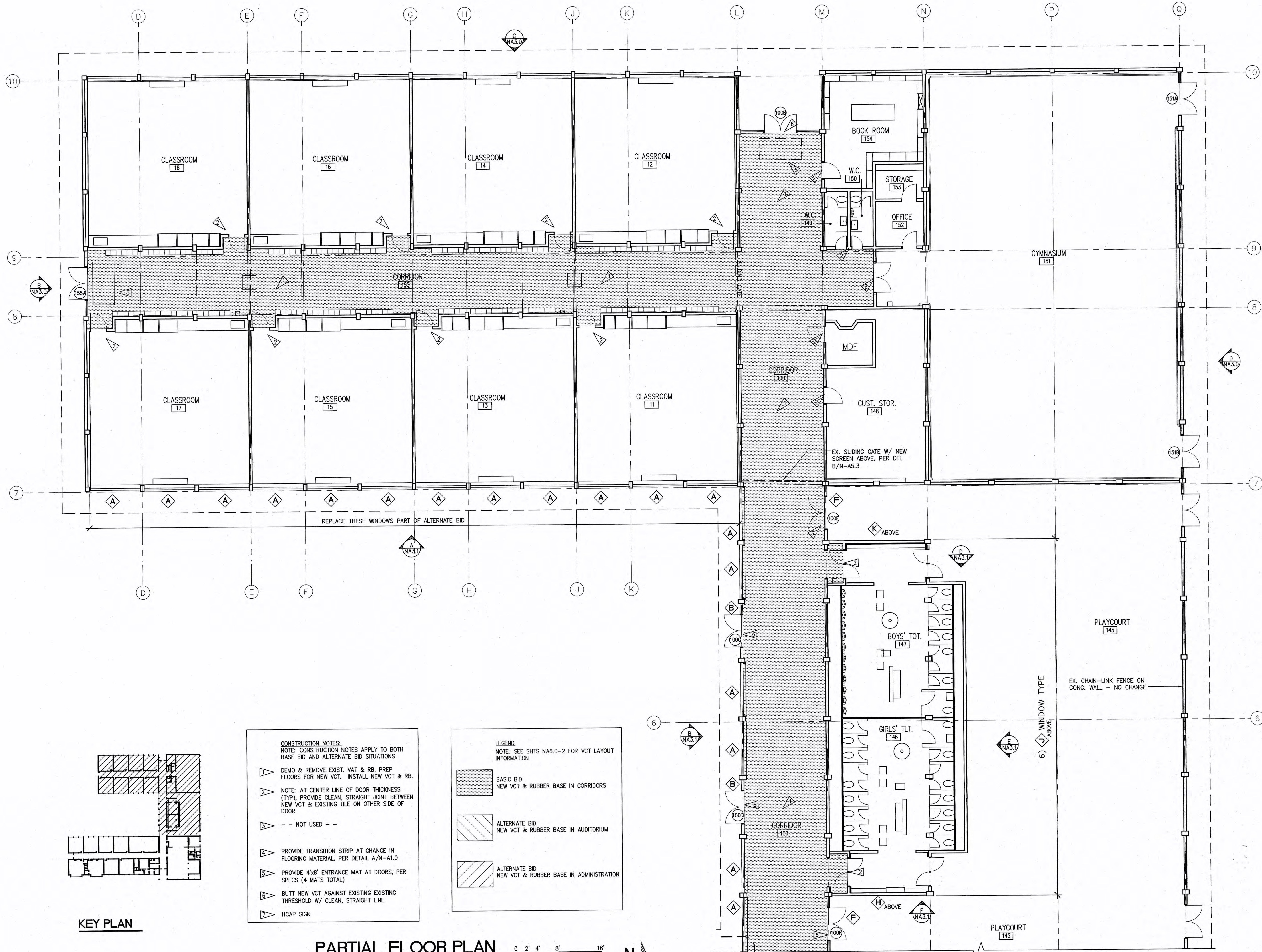
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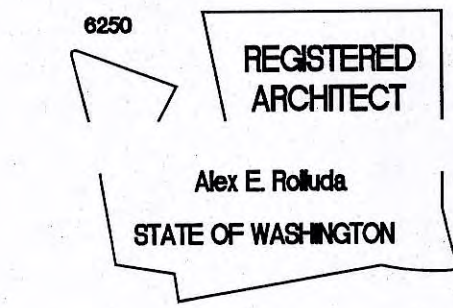
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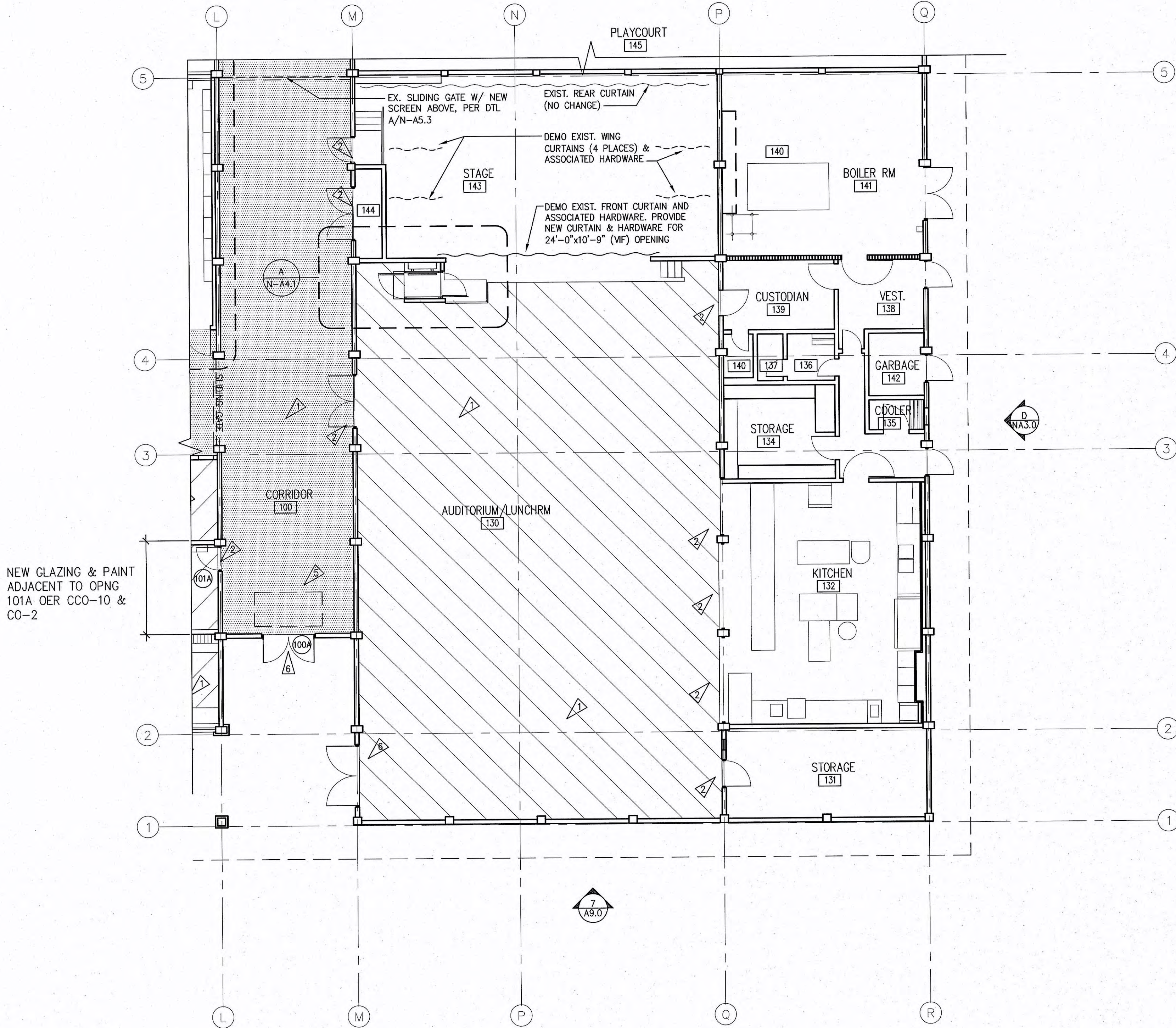
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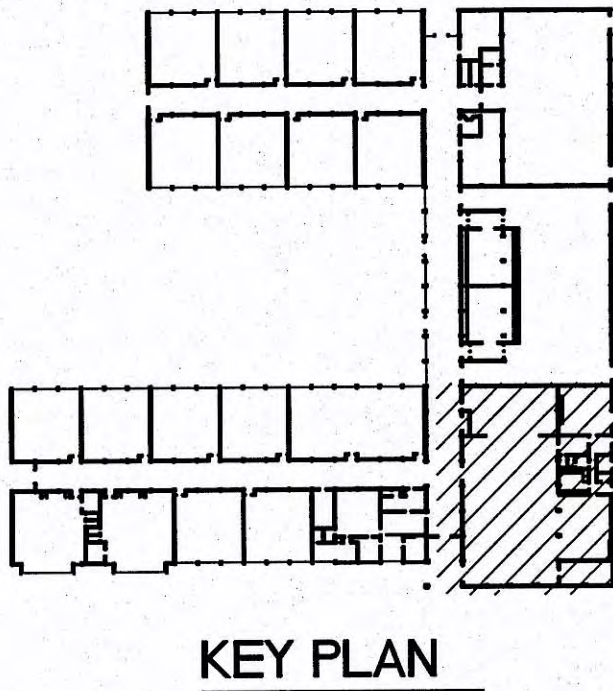
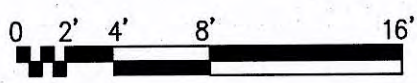
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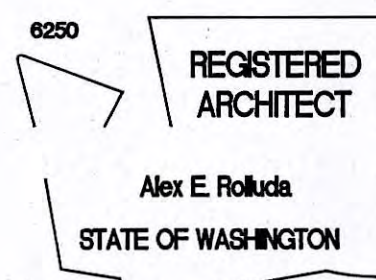
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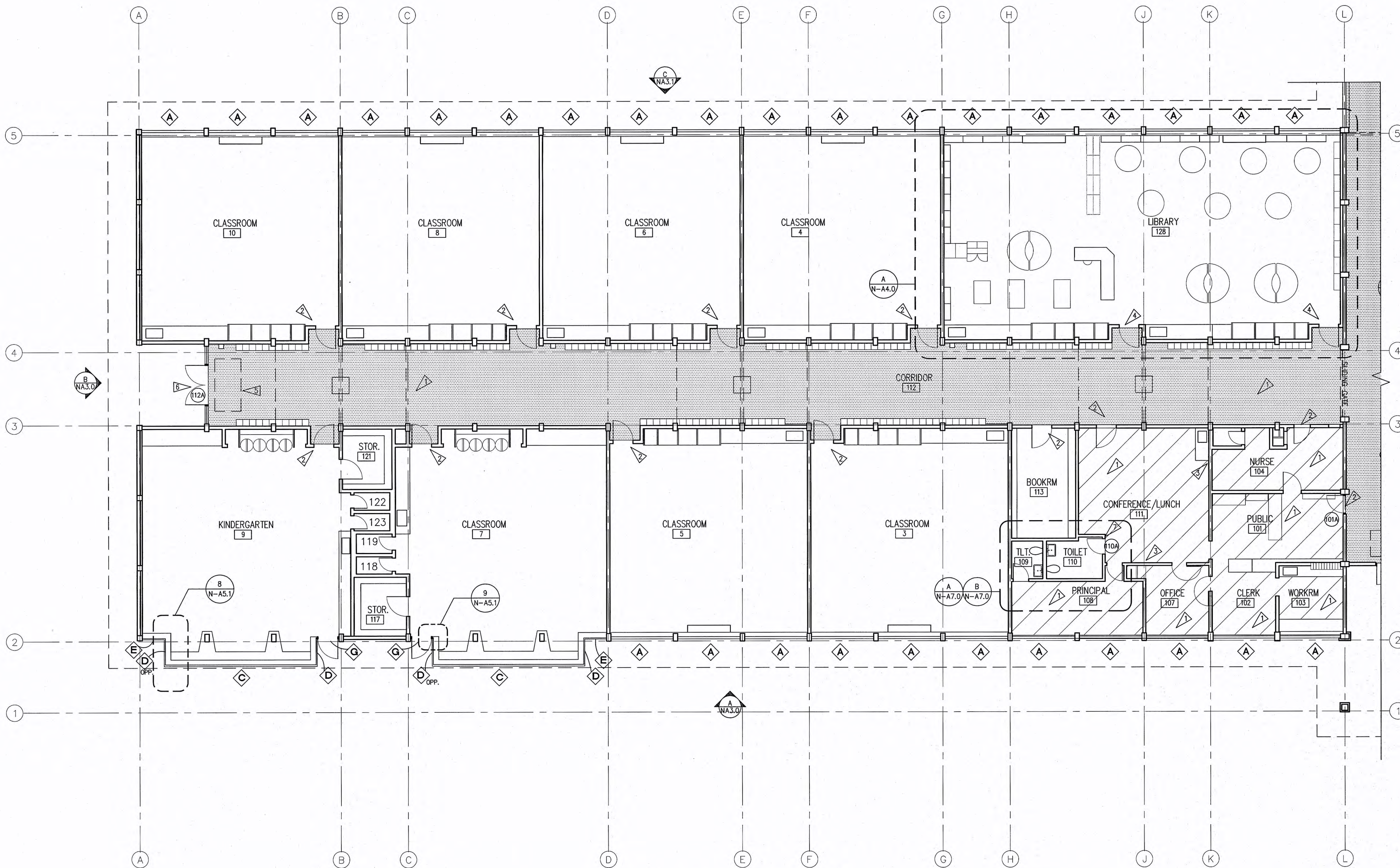
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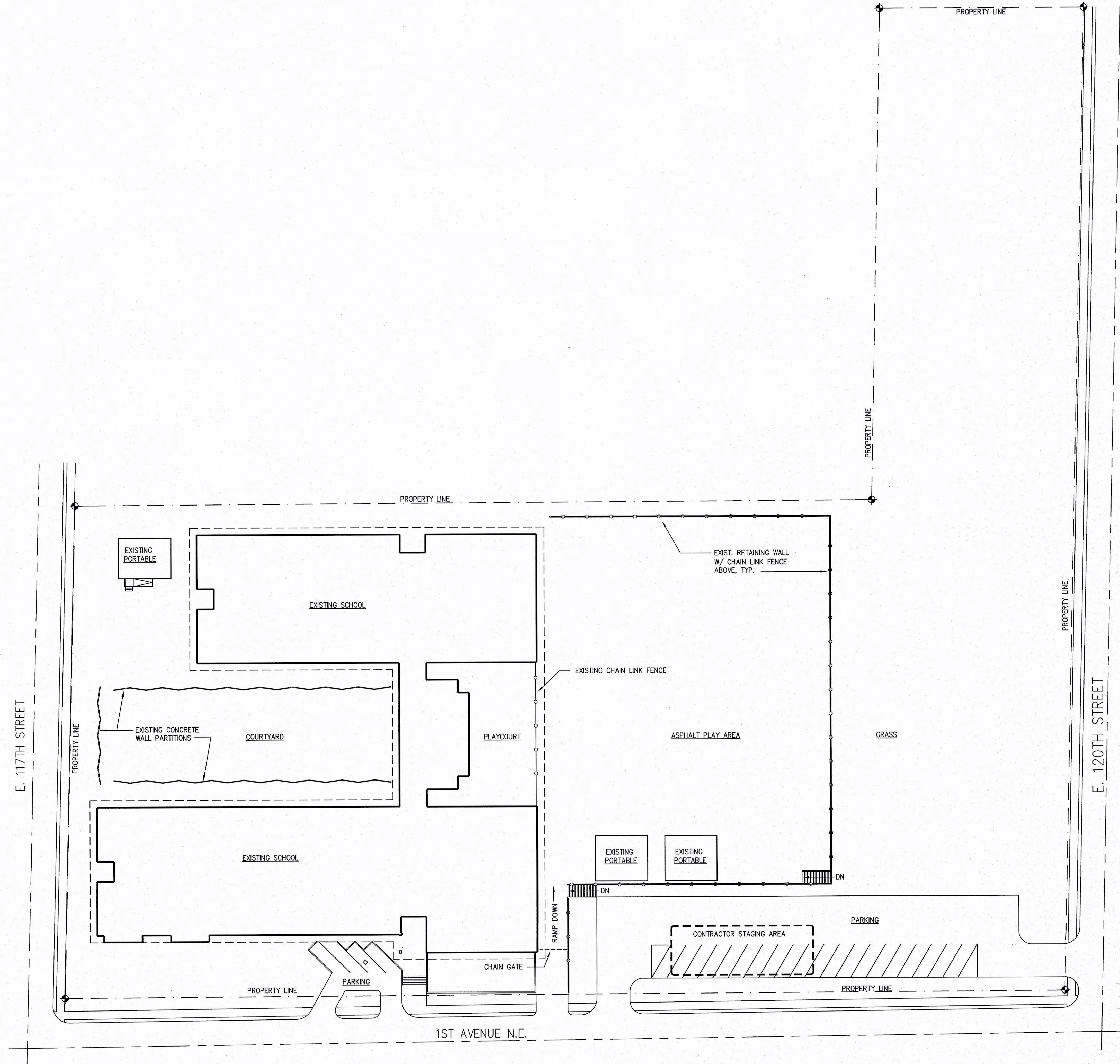
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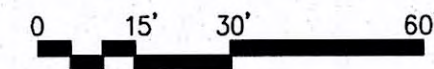
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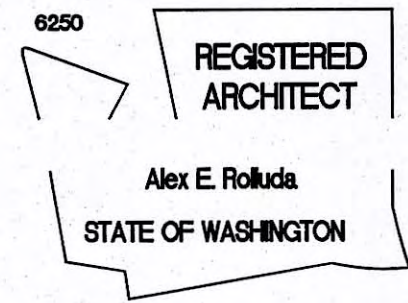
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## 1. Introduction

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*Note: This general historical survey does not provide a comprehensive list of every school built or operated by Seattle Public Schools from the district's founding in 1882 to the present day.*

## 2. Early Development of Seattle Area Schools

The first school in Seattle was established in 1854 in Bachelors' Hall, a boarding house for single men located near present-day First Avenue and Cherry Street. The sole teacher was Catharine P. Blaine, who arrived in Seattle in 1853 with her Episcopalian minister husband. An initial three-person school board was created around 1861, and in 1862, the first public funds were used to pay a teacher a salary for the twenty-three children attending school then held in the new Territorial University Building on Denny's Knoll, located at University Street and Fourth Avenue. Until 1866, when tuition-free classes were established, public funds were exclusively earmarked for teacher salaries. In 1869, Seattle received a city charter from the territorial legislature, and residents approved a funding levy to build the city's first free public school building, Central School, near Third Avenue and Marion Street. The school opened in 1870 with 120 students and the city's first public school teacher, Lizzie Ordway. Other tax levies were later approved to construct a few smaller schoolhouses of one or two rooms scattered throughout the town.<sup>1</sup>

In 1877, the legislature established the Territorial Board of Education, and by 1881, it had granted appointments of school superintendents in incorporated cities. Subsequently, Edward Ingraham was named the first superintendent of the Seattle School District in 1882.<sup>2</sup>

In 1883, a new twelve-room Central School (1883, Isaac A. Palmer, a.k.a. the Sixth Street School, demolished) located at Sixth Avenue and Marion Street opened, offering Seattle's first high school classes. The following year, the twelve-room Denny School (1884, Stephen J. Meany, demolished) at Fifth Avenue and Battery Street opened for elementary students. The district's first high school commencement was held in 1886, for twelve graduates.<sup>3</sup> **See figures 1-2.**

Student enrollment in the district expanded more than fourfold from 1,500 students in 1885 to nearly 6,650 in 1893, with many students attending classes held in rented rooms. Acute overcrowding, exacerbated by the loss of Central School to a fire in 1888, resulted in a major school construction program. Eight school buildings were built between 1889 and 1890. The city's third Central School (1889, demolished 1953), replaced its destroyed predecessor, and the South School (1889, demolished 1909), located at Twelfth Avenue S and S Weller Street,

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<sup>1</sup> Paul Hoerlein, "Introduction," in *Building for Learning, Seattle Public School Histories, 1862-2000*, Nile Thompson and Carolyn J. Marr ed. (Seattle, WA: Seattle Public Schools, 2002), p. x.

<sup>2</sup> William Gregory Robinson, "A History of Public School Architecture in Seattle," unpublished Masters thesis, (Seattle, WA: University of Washington, 1989) p. 33.

<sup>3</sup> Patricia C. Erigero, *Seattle Public Schools, Historic Building Survey Summary Report*, (Seattle, WA: Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority, 1989), pp. 3-5. Hoerlein, p. x.



were Seattle's first brick masonry schools, both designed by the architectural firm of Boone & Meeker.<sup>4</sup>

The district's third superintendent, Frank J. Barnard, was hired in 1890, replacing Julia Kennedy, who had replaced Ingraham in 1888. Barnard oversaw the construction of fifteen schools the district completed between 1891 and 1900. Three were wood-frame school buildings with identical plans designed by the architectural firm of Saunders & Houghton, as well as four schools designed by John Parkinson based on programs developed by Barnard.<sup>5</sup>

***See figure 3.***

District schools completed between 1890 and 1899 include:

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Mercer School	1890	Fourth Ave N & Valley Street	Saunders & Houghton	Demolished 1948
T.T. Minor School	1890	1700 E Union Street	Saunders & Houghton	Demolished 1940
Queen Anne School	1890	W Galer Street & Fifth Ave W	Charles W. Saunders	Demolished 1895
Randall School	1890	E Union Street & 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	n.a.	Sold and moved 1906
Rainier School	1890	23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S & King Street	Saunders & Houghton	Demolished 1957
Olympic School	1891	Norman Street & 26 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	Walter Smedley	Demolished 1937
B.F. Day School	1892	3921 Linden Ave N	John Parkinson	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Latona School	1892	Fifth Ave NE & N 42 <sup>nd</sup> St.	n.a.	Demolished 1932
Green Lake School	1892	N 65 <sup>th</sup> Street & Sunnyside Ave	John Parkinson	Demolished 1928
Cascade School	1893	Pontius & E Thomas Streets	John Parkinson	Demolished 1955
Pacific School	1893	1114 E Jefferson Street	John Parkinson	Demolished 1977
Seward School	1895	Franklin & Louisa Streets	Chamberlin & Siebrand	A.k.a. Denny-Fuhrman, altered, Seattle Landmark
West Queen Anne School	1895	515 W Galer Street	Skillings & Corner	Sold and redeveloped as condominiums in 1983
Beacon Hill School	1899	16 <sup>th</sup> Street S & S Lander Street	n.a.	Destroyed by fire 1988

<sup>4</sup> Hoerlein, p. x.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.



Lake School	1899	38 <sup>th</sup> Ave E & E Garfield Street	W.E. Boone	Demolished 1927
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The financial panic of 1893 slowed the development of new schools, but Seattle prospered during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897.<sup>6</sup> In the aftermath of the Great Seattle Fire of 1889, local designers and builders focused on fireproof masonry as a primary building material, looking to post-fire Chicago and its brick masonry buildings for inspiration.<sup>7</sup>

### 3. Early 20th Century Seattle Schools and James Stephen

Frank B. Cooper was hired as superintendent in 1901. During his twenty-one-year tenure, he led the Seattle School District's transformation into a major urban school system. Cooper encouraged this development by establishing many specialized programs, including kindergartens, parental schools, and classes for adults in evening schools, as well as those for special-needs students. Cooper and the school board planned for smaller neighborhood elementary schools and comprehensive high schools.<sup>8</sup>

James Stephen became the school architect and director of construction in 1901, developing a "model school plan" for standard wood-frame elementary schools. This plan was used as a basis for several elementary schools designed for the district, partially offsetting a short-term financial shortfall. These schools provided a flexible and economical approach to school construction. The standard floor plan facilitated a phased construction process in which an eight-, twelve-, or twenty-room school could be constructed and later expanded. While standard floor plans and interior finish materials were used, the exterior elevations and details of these schools varied greatly.<sup>9</sup> *See figure 4.*

In 1902, the district constructed seven new large wood-frame schools, all based on Stephen's plan, as well as a new large brick masonry high school. They include:<sup>10</sup>

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Green Lake School	1902	6500 Sunnyside Avenue N	James Stephen	Demolished 1986
Brooklyn School	1902	5031 University Way NE	Bebb & Mendel	Later University Heights, sold to University Heights Community Center Association, Seattle Landmark
Interbay School	1902	16 <sup>th</sup> Ave W & W Barrett Street	James Stephen	Demolished 1948
Ross School	1902	Third Ave NW btw NW 43 <sup>rd</sup> &	Josenhans & Allen	Demolished 1941

<sup>6</sup> Erigero, p. 8.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., pp. 4, 96.

<sup>8</sup> Hoerlein, p. xi.

<sup>9</sup> Kathryn Hills Krafft, "James Stephen," in *Shaping Seattle Architecture: A Historical Guide to the Architects*, Jeffrey Karl Ochsner, ed., (Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1994), p. 61.

<sup>10</sup> Erigero, p. 10. *Seattle Sunday Times*, August 31, 1902, p.18.



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Walla Walla School	1902	2410 E Cherry Street	Saunders & Lawton	Renamed Horace Mann School, Seattle Landmark, altered, now the site of Nova High School
20 <sup>th</sup> Street School	1902	E Thomas Street & 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E	W.E. Boone & J.M. Corner	Renamed Longfellow, later Edmund S. Meany Middle School, demolished 1960
Warren Ave. School	1902	Warren Ave N btw N Harrison & Republican Sts	Albert Wickersham	Demolished 1959

Between 1904 and 1909, Stephen designed ten other Seattle schools, all based on his “model school plan,” including:<sup>11</sup> *See figure 5.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Park School	1904	6532 Phinney Avenue N	James Stephen	Renamed John B. Allen School, Seattle Landmark
Beacon Hill School	1904	16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S & S Lander Street	Saunders & Lawton	Sold to El Centro de la Raza
Interlake School	1904	4416 Wallingford Ave N	James Stephen	Now Wallingford Center, Seattle Landmark
Madrona School	1904	33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave & E Union Street	James Stephen	Altered
John B. Hay School	1905	Bigelow & Boston Streets	James Stephen	Seattle Landmark
Seward School	1905	2515 Boylston Avenue E	James Stephen	Now TOPS K-8 School, altered, Seattle Landmark
Daniel Bagley School	1906	Stone Way N & N 79 <sup>th</sup> Street	James Stephen	Demolished 1940
Latona School	1906	401 NE 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	James Stephen	Now John Stanford International School, altered, Seattle Landmark
Isaac I. Stevens School	1906	1242 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave E	James Stephen	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Frantz Coe School	1907	2433 Sixth Ave W	James Stephen	Destroyed by fire 2000
Van Asselt School	1909	Beacon Ave S & S Othello Street	Edgar Blair	Seattle Landmark

<sup>11</sup> Erigero, p. 10.



Other district schools during this period that were not based on the “model plan” include:  
*See figure 6.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Central High School	1902	6525 E Broadway	W.E. Boone & J.M. Corner	Later renamed Broadway High School, demolished 1974
Parental School	1905	Mercer Island	James Stephen	A.k.a. Burbank school
Summit School	1905	1415 Summit Avenue	James Stephen	Now Northwest School, Seattle Landmark
Franklin School	1906	18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S and Main Street	James Stephen	A.k.a. Washington School, demolished ca. 1975
Whittier School	1908	7501 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	Newton Gauntt	Demolished 1998
Webster School	1908	3014 NW 67 <sup>th</sup> Street	Frederick Sexton	Seattle Landmark

Between 1907 and 1908, the district began reconsidering wood-framed school buildings, with the board authorizing the construction of three brick masonry “fireproof” buildings using the model plan developed for the wood-frame schools. These include:<sup>12</sup>

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Lawton School	1908	25 <sup>th</sup> Ave W & W Elmore Street	James Stephen	Demolished 1913
Fairview School	1908	844 NE 78 <sup>th</sup> St	James Stephen	Now Fairview Church
Whitworth School	1908	5215 46 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	James Stephen	Demolished 1987

These James Stephen-designed buildings were nearly identical, incorporating Tudor-style details executed in terra cotta, with flat roofs and projecting entries.

In 1908, a school fire in Collinwood, Ohio killed 172 students, and caused school districts around the country to re-evaluate their building programs.<sup>13</sup> Among these was school architect James Stephen, who toured the country to prepare a report on modern school design, construction, and equipment. This report led directly to the creation and adoption of the second “model school plan” that incorporated fireproof materials including concrete, masonry, and terra cotta. These “new” school plans also incorporated modern lavatory equipment. The later schools were often executed in then-popular late Gothic or Jacobean styles, and were designed to be expandable as necessary. Schools that followed the “new”

<sup>12</sup> Erigero, p. 18.

<sup>13</sup> Michael Newbury and Daniel Houghton "The Collinwood Fire, 1908," Middlebury College, <http://collinwoodfire.org> (accessed May 2019).



model are:<sup>14</sup> *See figure 7.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Emerson School	1909	9709 60 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	James Stephen	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Adams School	1909	6129 26 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	James Stephen	Demolished 1989
Colman School	1909	1515 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	James Stephen	Now African American Museum, Seattle Landmark
Greenwood School	1909	144 NW 80 <sup>th</sup> Street	James Stephen	Altered

Stephen also designed the original portions of two of Seattle's oldest extant high schools:<sup>15</sup> *See figure 8.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Lincoln High School	1907	4400 Interlake Avenue N	James Stephen	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Queen Anne High School	1909	215 Galer Street	James Stephen	Now housing, Seattle Landmark

By 1910, enrollment was at 24,758 students and more elementary school buildings were needed. Annexations of suburban areas between 1905 and 1910 brought nearly two dozen additional schools into the district service area, many of which needed replacement.<sup>16</sup>

#### 4. Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Seattle Schools and Edgar Blair

Edgar Blair, who had worked with Stephens since 1906, became the district's architect in 1909 after Stephen resigned. Blair, a graduate of Columbia University who had previously worked at the New York architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White, originally retained Stephen's model plan, but eventually shifted away from Stephen's preferred Jacobean style to more Classical- and Renaissance-based schemes.<sup>17</sup>

Between 1910 and 1913, eight nine-room reinforced concrete school buildings with brick veneers were constructed from Blair's designs, including the following:<sup>18</sup> *See figure 9.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Gatewood School	1910	4320 SW Myrtle Street	Edgar Blair	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Ravenna School	1911	6545 Ravenna	Edgar Blair	Altered, now Ravenna Apartments Community

<sup>14</sup> Krafft, pp. 61-63.

<sup>15</sup> Krafft, pp. 61-63.

<sup>16</sup> Erigero, p. 14.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., p. 20.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., pp. 22-23.



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Jefferson School	1911	4720 42 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW	Edgar Blair	Demolished 1985
Lawton School	1912	25 <sup>th</sup> Ave W & W Elmore Street	Edgar Blair	Demolished 1987
Lake School	1912	1617 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E	Edgar Blair	Now McGilvra, altered, Seattle Landmark
F.A. McDonald School	1912	144 N 54 <sup>th</sup> Street	Edgar Blair	Altered
Concord School	1912	723 S Concord Street	Edgar Blair	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Alki School	1913	SW Carroll St & Chilberg Ave SW	Edgar Blair	Altered, 1965

These similar school buildings were all eclectically styled with wood-framed hip roofs. The later buildings incorporated terra cotta stringcourses and more intricate detailing.<sup>19</sup>

Besides these larger nine-room school buildings, Blair was responsible for smaller, four- to six-classroom “intermediate grade of school buildings” designed for less populous neighborhood locations. These include:<sup>20</sup> *See figure 10.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Harrison School	1913	3201 E Republican St	Edgar Blair	Altered, sold to First African Methodist Episcopal
North Queen Anne School	1914	2919 First Avenue W	Edgar Blair	Altered
Fauntleroy School	1917	9131 California Avenue SW	Edgar Blair	Altered, now leased to West Seattle Nursery & Garden Center
Frank B. Cooper School	1917	4408 Delridge Way SW	Edgar Blair	Altered, now Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Seattle Landmark
Crown Hill School	1919	9250 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	Edgar Blair	Altered, sold to Small Faces Child Development Center

Blair also designed four school additions, so-called “border” buildings, consisting of linear single-loaded brick masonry buildings intended to be built adjacent to the lot line of existing schools. These include additions to:<sup>21</sup> *See figure 11.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
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<sup>19</sup> Ibid., pp. 22-23.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., pp. 22-23.

<sup>21</sup> Erigero, pp. 22-23.



Allen School	1917	6615 Dayton Avenue N	Edgar Blair	Sold to Phinney Neighborhood Association, Seattle Landmark
Seward School	1917	2515 Boylston Avenue E	Edgar Blair	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Latona School	1917	401 NE 42 <sup>nd</sup> St	Edgar Blair	Demolished 1999
Lowell School	1919	1058 E Mercer Street	Edgar Blair	Altered

Blair designed three high schools during his tenure. These are as follows:<sup>22</sup> *See figure 12.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Franklin High School	1912	3013 S Mt. Baker Blvd	Edgar Blair	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Ballard High School	1916	1418 NW 65 <sup>th</sup> Street	Edgar Blair	Demolished 1997
West Seattle High School	1917	4075 SW Stevens Street	Edgar Blair	Altered, City of Seattle Landmark

In 1919, four “Liberty Buildings,” wood-framed temporary annexes built cheaply to conserve materials during World War I, were built adjacent to Jefferson, Bagley, Bryant, and Fulton schools.<sup>23</sup>

Blair resigned as school architect in March of 1918, due to differences with the fiscally conservative Nathan Eckstein, who was then serving as the chair of the district’s building committee.<sup>24</sup>

## 5. 1920s and 1930s Seattle Schools and Floyd A. Naramore

After World War I, and as Seattle entered the 1920s, the increased costs of providing educational programs to a growing population strained the school district. Public school enrollment grew from 51,381 in 1920, to slightly over 66,000 ten years later, requiring new construction in newly developed areas like Montlake and Laurelhurst, additions to older schools, and construction of intermediate schools and high schools. Despite a post-war recession in the early 1920s, the district entered into a phase of a well-funded building program due to school construction bond issues passed in 1919, 1923, 1925, and 1927.<sup>25</sup>

Floyd A. Naramore replaced Blair as school architect in 1919, overseeing the completion of several projects already underway. An M.I.T. graduate who had already designed several schools in Portland, Oregon, Naramore would significantly influence the district’s school design until his departure for private practice in 1932. Most of Naramore’s schools were

<sup>22</sup> Ibid., p. 24.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid., p. 25.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., p. 25.

<sup>25</sup> Erigero, p. 26.



designed in a twentieth century version of the Georgian style.<sup>26</sup>

With Cooper still serving as superintendent, the district continued its vocational and technical programs, building a large reinforced concrete annex (1921, Floyd A. Naramore, altered, later Edison Technical School, now part of Seattle Community College's Central Campus) across the street to the north from Broadway High School in 1921. The same year, the district also completed a new administration and facilities building (1921, Floyd A. Naramore, demolished).<sup>27</sup>

Cooper left the district in 1922, replaced by Thomas Cole, a former principal of Broadway High School. Cole served until 1931, and was succeeded by Worth McClure.<sup>28</sup>

The district completed thirteen new elementary school buildings during this period, and altered several others with additions. By 1935, all elementary schools also included kindergarten, and lunchroom service was being added to all schools.<sup>29</sup>

New elementary schools completed during this period include: *See figure 13.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Bailey Gatzert School	1921	615 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	Floyd A. Naramore	Demolished 1989
Highland Park School	1921	1012 SW Trenton Street	Floyd A. Naramore	Demolished 1998
Martha Washington School	1921	6612 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	Floyd A. Naramore	Originally Girls' Parental School, demolished 1989
Columbia School	1922	3528 S Ferdinand Street	Floyd A. Naramore	
John Hay School	1922	411 Boston Street	Floyd A. Naramore	Now called Queen Anne Elementary
Dunlap School	1924	8621 46 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	Floyd A. Naramore	Seattle Landmark, Altered
Montlake School	1924	2409 22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue E	Floyd A. Naramore	Seattle Landmark
William Cullen Bryant School	1926	3311 NE 60 <sup>th</sup> Street	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
E.C. Hughes School	1926	7740 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Magnolia School	1927	2418 28 <sup>th</sup> Avenue W	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Laurelhurst School	1928	4530 46 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered

<sup>26</sup> Ibid., pp. 25-26. Hoerlein, p. xi.

<sup>27</sup> Nile Thompson and Carolyn Marr, *Building for Learning* (Seattle, WA: Seattle Public Schools, 2001), pp. 86-87.

<sup>28</sup> Hoerlein, p. xi.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid., p. xii.



Daniel Bagley School	1930	7821 Stone Avenue N	Floyd A. Naramore	Seattle Landmark
Loyal Heights School	1932	2511 NW 80 <sup>th</sup> Street	Floyd A. Naramore	Seattle Landmark, Altered

In the early 1920s, the district considered building intermediate or “junior high school” buildings serving students in grades seven through nine, to put itself in line with national educational philosophy and relieve pressure on existing elementary and high schools. The school board officially adopted the term “junior high school” in 1932. Naramore designed four intermediate or junior high schools for the district, including:<sup>30</sup> *See figure 14.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Alexander Hamilton Jr. High School	1925	1610 N 41 <sup>st</sup> Street	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
John Marshall Jr. High School	1927	520 NE Ravenna Blvd	Floyd A. Naramore	
Madison Jr. High School	1929	3429 45 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Monroe Jr. High School	1931	1810 NW 65 <sup>th</sup> Street	Floyd A. Naramore	

These school building were all built according to a “hollow square” plan with a centrally located gymnasium and lunchroom. Each included specialized science, mechanical drawing, cooking, sewing, and art rooms.

Three new high schools were completed between 1923 and 1929. They also featured the “hollow square” plan and had imposing primary façades.<sup>31</sup>

High schools designed by Floyd Naramore include: *See figure 15.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Roosevelt High School	1922	1410 NE 66 <sup>th</sup> St	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
James A. Garfield High School	1923	400 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Cleveland High School	1927	5511 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	Floyd A. Naramore	Altered, Seattle Landmark

District high schools during this period adopted specialized programs for science, art, physical education, industrial arts, and home economics.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Erigero, pp. 26-27. Hoerlein, p. xii.

<sup>31</sup> Erigero, p. 28.

<sup>32</sup> Hoerlein, pp. xi-xii.



The Great Depression of the 1930s was a time of rising unemployment with general school enrollment declining to 57,551 in 1933. Enrollment in adult education classes dramatically increased, however. Seattle schools faced declining revenues, excess personnel and older urban facilities. Sixteen schools were closed, and their students redistributed to nearby buildings. By the end of the 1930s, there were concerns about the lack of maintenance and the conditions of older schools, prompting the district to request a tax levy for another new building program.<sup>33</sup>

## 6. World War II-Era Seattle Schools

A three million dollar school levy passed on March 14, 1939.<sup>34</sup> Under this levy Floyd Naramore was hired as an independent architect in partnership with Clifton Brady. He completed the design for one new school building, T.T. Minor, and a major addition and remodel at what was then called Longefellow, later renamed Edmund Meany after the addition was complete. Also, eleven other schools received minor additions and remodels from levy funds.<sup>35</sup> Additions included a gymnasium at Colman School, vocation wing at Edison, additional classrooms at Van Asselt, four rooms at Laurelhurst, classrooms at McGilvra and Magnolia, and an addition at Ballard.<sup>36</sup> However, due to declining enrollment in this period, sixteen older buildings were closed, including the Ross School.<sup>37</sup>

During World War II, Seattle became a center of aircraft and shipbuilding for the war effort and experienced a massive influx of defense workers and their families. School enrollment once again grew, especially in areas where there were no existing school facilities. Existing school facilities were expanded for the children of these workers, especially in federally funded housing project areas.<sup>38</sup>

At the same time, the internment of 1,456 Japanese American families meant that the district lost a large number of students.<sup>39</sup>

The district also sought to increase efficiency at this time by changing its method for designing new buildings, choosing to hire private architecture firms rather than employing a school district architect for new building programs. Once again, all buildings constructed after 1941 were considered temporary structures to conserve building materials for the war effort.<sup>40</sup>

New schools completed during World II included: *See figure 16.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
T.T. Minor School	1941	17700 E Union Street	Naramore & Brady	altered

<sup>33</sup> Erigero, pp. 28-29. Hoerlein, p. xi.

<sup>34</sup> Seattle Times, "Propositions; 3-Mill School Levy (Approved)," March 15, 1939, p.2

<sup>35</sup> Hoerlein, p. xii.

<sup>36</sup> Seattle Times, "Colman School Addition Starts," July 30, 1940, p.5, and Seattle Times, "Building to be ready next Fall," September 7, 1940, p.17, Seattle Times, "Van Asselt School Addition Dedicated," November 16, 1940, p.3, "Laurelhurst School Addition Dedicated," December 4, 1940, p.5, "Board Doooms Old Buildings in \$589,000 School Programs," June 11, 1940, pp.1&5

<sup>37</sup> Hoerlein, p. xii. And Seattle Times, "Ross School May Be Discontinued," February 17, 1940 p.7

<sup>38</sup> Hoerlein, pp. xi-xii.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid., p. xii.

<sup>40</sup> Erigero, p. 28. Hoerlein, p. xii.



Duwamish Bend School	1944	5925 Third Avenue S	n.a.	Later Holgate School, demolished
High Point School	1944	6760 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Stuart, Kirk, & Durham	Demolished 1987
Rainier Vista School	1944	3100 Alaska Street	Holmes & Bain	Originally Columbia Annex, altered and partially demolished

Additions and improvements to more than ten other schools were also undertaken as part of a program that demolished and replaced the city's oldest wood-frame school buildings.

## 7. Post-World War II Seattle Schools, 1946 to 1965

After World War II, enrollment swelled to a peak in the 1960s of approximately 100,000 students. Between 1946 and 1958, six separate bond issues were approved for new school construction. Samuel Fleming, employed by the district since 1908, succeeded Worth McClure as superintendent in 1945. After Fleming retired in 1956, Ernest Campbell became superintendent.<sup>41</sup>

In 1945, the Seattle School District Board commissioned a study of population trends and future building needs. One proposal called for the modernization of all existing schools and the addition of classrooms, along with multi-use rooms for lunch and assembly purposes, covered and hard-surfaced play areas and play-courts, and expanded gymnasiums. Improvements in lighting, heating, plumbing systems, and acoustical treatments were sought as well. This survey occurred at a time when student enrollment in Seattle was stable, at around 50,000. By this time the school district was overseen by a five-member board of directors, and employed approximately 2,500 certified teachers, with an average annual salary of about \$2,880.<sup>42</sup>

The district completed a large stadium with reinforced concrete stands (1947, George W. Stoddard) in 1947, adjacent to the National Guard Armory at Harrison Street and Fourth Avenue N, at the former Civic Field. In 1951, a war memorial shrine bearing the names of 762 Seattle schools graduates killed in World War II was dedicated at Memorial Stadium.

In 1949, a 6.8 Richter-scale earthquake damaged several elementary schools, resulting in their subsequent replacement by temporary portables. As enrollment continued to swell throughout the 1950s, these temporary structures served as a quick, flexible response to overcrowding. In 1958 an estimated twenty percent of the total Seattle student body was taught in portable classrooms. Despite their popularity, however, the occupants of the portables suffered from inadequate heating, lack of plumbing, and distance from other school facilities.<sup>43</sup>

Elementary schools included separate gymnasiums and auditorium-lunchrooms. Older high schools gained additions of gymnasiums and specialized classroom space. Despite all the construction, there were still extensive needs for portable classrooms to accommodate

<sup>41</sup> Hoerlein, p. xii.

<sup>42</sup> William Gregory Robinson, "A History of Public School Architecture in Seattle," unpublished Masters thesis. (Seattle, WA: University of Washington, 1989), p. 192-193. Aaron Purcell, School enrollment figures from Seattle Public Schools archives.

<sup>43</sup> Hoerlein, p. xiii.



excess enrollment.<sup>44</sup>

During this period the quality of construction gradually improved. The earliest school buildings, put up as rapidly as possible, included the three schools constructed in 1949. Designs prepared by George W. Stoddard for these schools were essentially linked portables with a fixed administrative wing. Each of the district's thirty-five new school buildings was individually designed in the Modern style, with nearly all of the elementary schools constructed as one-story buildings, or on sloping sites. To conform to change in building code, each classroom had direct access to grade.

The twenty-two new elementary schools built by the district between 1948 and 1965 include:  
***See figures 17 & 18.***

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
View Ridge School	1948	7047 50 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	William Mallis	
Arbor Heights School	1949	3701 SW 104th Street	George W. Stoddard	Demolished
Briarcliff School	1949	3901 W Dravus Street	George W. Stoddard	Sold to Lexington Development and demolished
Genesee Hill	1949	5012 SW Genesee Street	George W. Stoddard	Demolished
Lafayette School	1950	2645 California Avenue SW	John Graham & Co.	
Van Asselt School	1950	7201 Beacon Avenue S	Jones & Bindon	
Olympic Hills School	1954	13018 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	John Graham & Co.	Demolished
Viewlands School	1954	10523 Third Avenue NW	Mallis & Dehart	
Wedgwood School	1955	2720 NE 85 <sup>th</sup> Street	John Graham & Co.	
Northgate School	1956	11725 First Avenue NE	Paul Thiry	
John Rogers School	1956	4030 NE 109th Street	Theo Damm	
North Beach School	1958	9018 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	John Graham & Co.	

<sup>44</sup> Ibid., pp. xii-xiii.



Roxhill School	1958	9430 30 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	John Graham & Co.	
Sand Point School	1958	6208 60 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	G.W. Stoddard w/ F. Huggard	
Cedar Park School	1959	13224 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Paul Thiry	Seattle Landmark
Sacajawea School	1959	9501 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Waldron & Dietz	
Decatur School	1961	7711 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE	Edward Mahlum	
Graham Hill School	1961	5149 S Graham Street	Theo Damm	Altered
Rainier View School	1961	11650 Beacon Avenue S	Durham, Anderson & Freed	
Schmitz Park School	1962	5000 SW Spokane Street	Durham, Anderson & Freed	
Broadview-Thomson School	1963	13052 Greenwood Avenue N	Waldron & Dietz	
Fairmont Park School	1964	3800 SW Findlay Street	Carlson, Eley & Grevstad	Altered

One of the first priorities during this period was the building of new junior high schools. Between 1950 and 1959, ten new junior high schools were completed: *See figure 19.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Eckstein Jr. High School	1950	3003 NE 75 <sup>th</sup> St	William Mallis	Seattle Landmark
Blaine Jr. High School	1952	2550 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave W	J. Lister Holmes	
Sharples Jr. High School	1952	3928 S Graham Street	William Mallis	Now Aki Kurose Middle School
David Denny Jr. High School	1952	8402 30 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Mallis & Dehart	Demolished
Asa Mercer Jr. High School	1957	1600 Columbian Way S	John W. Maloney	
Whitman Jr.	1959	9201 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Mallis &	



High School		NW	Dehart	
Louisa Boren Jr. High School	1963	5950 Delridge Way SW	NBBJ	Now Boren K-8 STEM
George Washington Jr. High School	1963	2101 S Jackson Street	John Graham & Co.	
Worth McClure Jr. High School	1964	1915 First Avenue W	Edward Mahlum	

During this period the district also constructed four new high schools, including:

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Chief Sealth High School	1957	2600 SW Thistle Street	NBBJ	Altered
Ingraham High School	1959	1819 N 135th Street	NBBJ	Altered, Seattle Landmark
Rainier Beach High School	1960	8815 Seward Park Avenue S	John W. Maloney	Altered
Nathan Hale High School	1963	10750 30 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Mallis & Dehart	Altered

Between 1943 and 1954, voters in the rapidly growing unincorporated areas north of Seattle, feeling the burden of new special school levies, and believing that there were advantages to Seattle transportation services and police and fire protection, approved at least twelve annexations to the city of Seattle. This pushed the city limits northward from a line near N 85<sup>th</sup> street, to a uniform north border at N 145<sup>th</sup> Street. These annexations brought an additional ten schools into the district from the struggling Shoreline School District.<sup>45</sup>

## 8. Mid-1960s and 1970s Seattle Schools

After the mid-1960s and throughout the 1970s, the district suffered from declining enrollment and revenue. Repeated leadership changes in the district resulted from the short tenures of three superintendents between 1965 and 1981. Forbes Bottomly was appointed district superintendent in 1965, after Frank Campbell retired. Bottomly resigned in 1973, and was replaced by J. Loren Troxel, who had previously served as assistant superintendent. In 1976 he was replaced by David Moberly, formerly a school superintendent from Evanston, Illinois. Donald Steel, who had previously served as superintendent in Toledo, Ohio, succeeded Moberly in 1981. During this period overall enrollment in the district also declined, from over 93,000 in 1965 to approximately 43,500 in 1984.<sup>46</sup>

The district attempted to address racial desegregation in 1963 with a volunteer transfer

<sup>45</sup> Roberta Hawkins, ed., *Shore to Shore and Line to Line: A History of the Shoreline School District* (Shoreline, WA: Shoreline Historical Museum, 2007) p. 26.

<sup>46</sup> Hoerlein, xiii.



program, and multiracial readers that were tried on an experimental basis in 1965.<sup>47</sup>

In 1966, a new type of school was designed based on pedagogical theories of team teaching, open space and synergy. Seven new elementary schools and one middle school were designed and built with an “open concept,” and other schools were remodeled with the removal of walls and the addition of learning resource centers. New programs for Head Start, Title 1 remedial, Special Education and Transitional Bilingual were added.

“Open Concept” schools built by the district include: *See figure 20.*

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Green Lake School	1970	6415 First Avenue NE	Manson Bennett	Altered
Capt. Steven E. Sanislo School	1970	812 SW Myrtle Street	Sullam, Smith & Associates	Altered
Beacon Hill School	1971	2025 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S	Durham, Anderson & Freed	Altered
Dearborn Park	1971	2820 S Orcas Street	Fred Bassetti & Company	Altered
Kimball School	1971	3200 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue S	Durham, Anderson & Freed	Altered
Wing Luke School	1971	3701 S Kenyon Street	Fred Bassetti & Company	Demolished
Maple School	1971	4925 Corson Avenue S	Durham, Anderson & Freed	Altered
South Shore Middle School	1973	4800 S Henderson St	NBBJ	Demolished

By 1977, the Seattle School Board instigated a sweeping desegregation plan that included bussing approximately 12,000 students, with over half of Seattle’s schools involved. As a result, public school enrollment dropped by half from the 1960s, and private school enrollment throughout the city grew. The school board was forced to enact a school closure plan. By 1984, the district had closed two high schools, seven junior high schools, and twenty elementary schools. Mandatory busing eased in the late 1980s, in response to litigation by community groups in north end neighborhoods and court rulings.<sup>48</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Ibid., xiv.

<sup>48</sup> Hoerlein, pp. xiii-xiv. *Seattle Times*, “Seattle schools and race: a history,” June 1, 2008, n. p.



## 9. 1980s to Present-Day Seattle Schools

Deputy district superintendent Robert L. Nelson was appointed superintendent in 1984 to serve a two-year term after Steele resigned. William M. Kendrick was appointed superintendent in 1986, after a national search. Kendrick served nine years and was succeeded by retired army general John Stanford. Stanford proved to be a capable and dynamic leader, but a terminal illness led to his replacement in 1998 by the district's chief operations manager, Joseph Olchefske.<sup>49</sup>

In 1984, many schools needed upgrading or replacement, and a bond issue passed for thirteen new Elementary Schools, upgrading Ballard High and a new facility for Franklin High. Community debates about preservation followed this bond issue. The School Board also decided that excess properties were an asset to the Seattle School District and therefore should not be sold, but rather leased to community groups. Only three of the decommissioned schools were demolished so that the underlying property could be leased, and the rest of the buildings either sit empty or are being revamped for other purposes by long-term leaseholders.<sup>50</sup>

In the 1990s, the school district's major capital construction program continued with passage of three Building Excellence Levies (BEX) approved by voters in 1995 (BEX I), 2001 (BEX II), and 2007 (BEX III), which called for new construction, renovations, additions, and infrastructure and technology improvements. Seattle Public Schools completed the BEX IV program in 2018, funded by capital levy approved by voters in February 2013. The BEX V program was initiated in 2019, funded by a capital levy approved by voters in February of that year.

Schools constructed in the 1980s and 1990s include:

School	Year	Address	Designer	Notes
Olympic View Elementary	1989	504 NE 95th Street	Eric Meng Associates	
Whitworth Elementary	1989	5215 46th Avenue S	WMFL Architects and Engineers	Now the site of Orca K-8 School
The African American Academy	1990	8311 Beacon Avenue S	Streeter & Associates	Now the site of the Van Asselt Elementary school program
West Woodland	1991	5601 Fourth Avenue NW	Olson Sundberg Architects	
J. M. Colman Elementary/Thurgood Marshall Elementary	1991	2401 S Irving Street	Mahlum & Nordfors	
Frank B. Cooper	1999	1901 SW	Tsang	Now the site Pathfinder

<sup>49</sup> Hoerlein, pp. xiv-xv.

<sup>50</sup> Ibid., pp. xiv-xvi.



School		Genesee Street	Partnership	K-8 School
Ballard High School	1999	1418 NW 65 <sup>th</sup> Street	Mahlum & Nordfors McKinley Gordon	
Highland Park Elementary	1999	1012 SW Trenton Street	Burr Lawrence Rising + Bates	
Whittier Elementary	1999	1320 NW 75th Street	DLR/John Graham & Associates	

***See figures 111-126.***

For the 2011-2012 school year, the district had more than 47,000 enrolled students, but by 2018-2019 that number had increased to almost 53,000.<sup>51</sup> Although this is less than half the number of fifty years ago, the number of students is gradually increasing. In 2012 the district operated ninety-one schools, of which fifty-four were elementary schools, twelve were high schools, ten were K-8 schools, nine were middle schools, and six were alternative schools. By 2018-2019 the district had added 22 schools, operating 113 different schools. New schools constructed under BEX IV are as follows:

- Thornton Creek School was added to the site of the Decatur School
- Cascadia Elementary and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School were constructed on the site of the former Woodrow Wilson School.<sup>52</sup>
- Hazel Wolf K-8 School at the site of the former Pinehurst School.
- New school buildings at the sites of Arbor Heights, Genesee Hill, Olympic Hills, and Wing Luke.

Other schools were renovated and upgraded. These include: Cedar Park (Paul Thiry, City of Seattle Landmark), Daniel Bagley (Floyd Naramore, City of Seattle Landmark), Fairmount Park, Jane Addams, Lincoln High School (James Stevens, City of Seattle Landmark), Loyal Heights (1932, Floyd Naramore, City of Seattle Landmark), Nova at Horace Mann (City of Seattle Landmark), Meany Middle School, Queen Anne, and T. T. Minor.

The district has more than 8,000 staff, comprising 3,100 teachers, 835 paraprofessionals, 660 certified instructional staff, and 150 principals. Seattle Public Schools had a general fund budget of \$558.3 million in the 2009-10 operational year.<sup>53</sup> By 2018, the general fund budget

<sup>51</sup>[https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_543/File/District/Departments/Enrollment%20Planning/Reports/Annual%20Enrollment/2018-19/Section%201%20w%20ADA.pdf](https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/Enrollment%20Planning/Reports/Annual%20Enrollment/2018-19/Section%201%20w%20ADA.pdf)

<sup>52</sup> Woodrow Wilson was Landmarked in 2014, for Criteria B and C for the significance of Robert Eagle Staff and the Indian Heritage Program at the school. However, the Seattle Landmarks Board voted to not impose controls on the building. The murals associated with the program, painted by Andrew Morrison, were preserved by the district and incorporated into the new school design.

<sup>53</sup> Seattle Public Schools, "About Our District,"

<http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=192400&sessionid=b4971349d1af6502c8dd8f441e4ab25b&t, p.1>.



had increased to \$857.7 million.<sup>54</sup> The general fund supports only the teaching and teaching administration for the district. The Capital Projects fund supports the building program and facilities.

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<sup>54</sup>[https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_543/File/District/Departments/Budget/2018%20Budget%20Development/budgetbook18.pdf](https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/Budget/2018%20Budget%20Development/budgetbook18.pdf)



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Figure 1. Sixth Street School, also called Central School, 1885 (1883-1888, destroyed by fire)



Figure 2. Seattle High School graduating class, June 4th, 1886



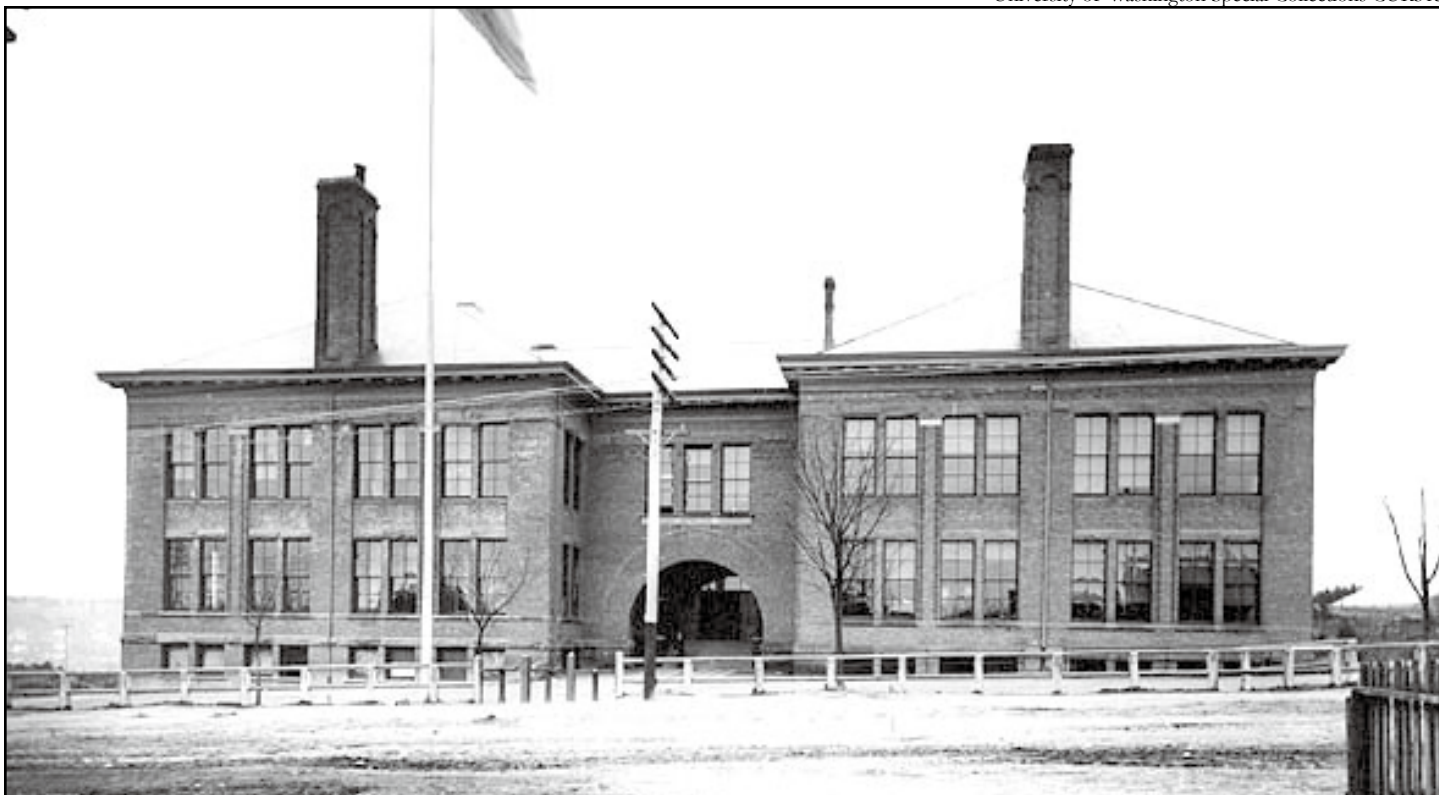


Figure 3. B.F. Day School (John Parkinson, 1892)



Figure 4. Green Lake School (James Stephen, 1902)





Figure 5. John B. Hay School (James Stephen, 1905, City of Seattle Landmark)



Figure 6. Central High School/Broadway High School (W.E. Boone & J.M. Corner, 1902)





Figure 7. Adams School (James Stephen, 1901)

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Figure 8. Lincoln High School (James Stephen, 1907, City of Seattle Landmark)





Figure 9. Ravenna School (Edgar Blair, 1911)

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Figure 10. Frank B. Cooper School (Edgar Blair, 1917, City of Seattle Landmark)





Figure 11. Seward School (Edgar Blair, 1917)

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Figure 12. Franklin High School (Edgar Blair, 1912, City of Seattle Landmark)





Figure 13. Laurelhurst School (Floyd A. Naramore, 1928)



Figure 14. John Marshall Jr. High School (Floyd A. Naramore, 1927)





Figure 15. Roosevelt High School (Floyd A. Naramore, 1922, City of Seattle Landmark)

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Figure 16. Rainier Vista School (J. Lister Holmes, 1943)





Figure 17. Arbor Heights Elementary (George W. Stoddard, 1949)



Figure 18. Cedar Park Elementary (Paul Thiry, 1959, City of Seattle Landmark)





Figure 19. Eckstein Junior High (William Mallis, 1950, City of Seattle Landmark)



Figure 20. Captain Steven E. Sanislo School (Sullam, Smith & Associates, 1970)





Figure 21. Olympic View Elementary (Eric Meng Associates, 1989)

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Figure 22. African American Academy, now housing the Van Asselt Elementary program (Streeter & Associates, 1990)