John Rogers Elementary School

4030 NE 109th Street

Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board

Nomination meeting

August 18, 2021

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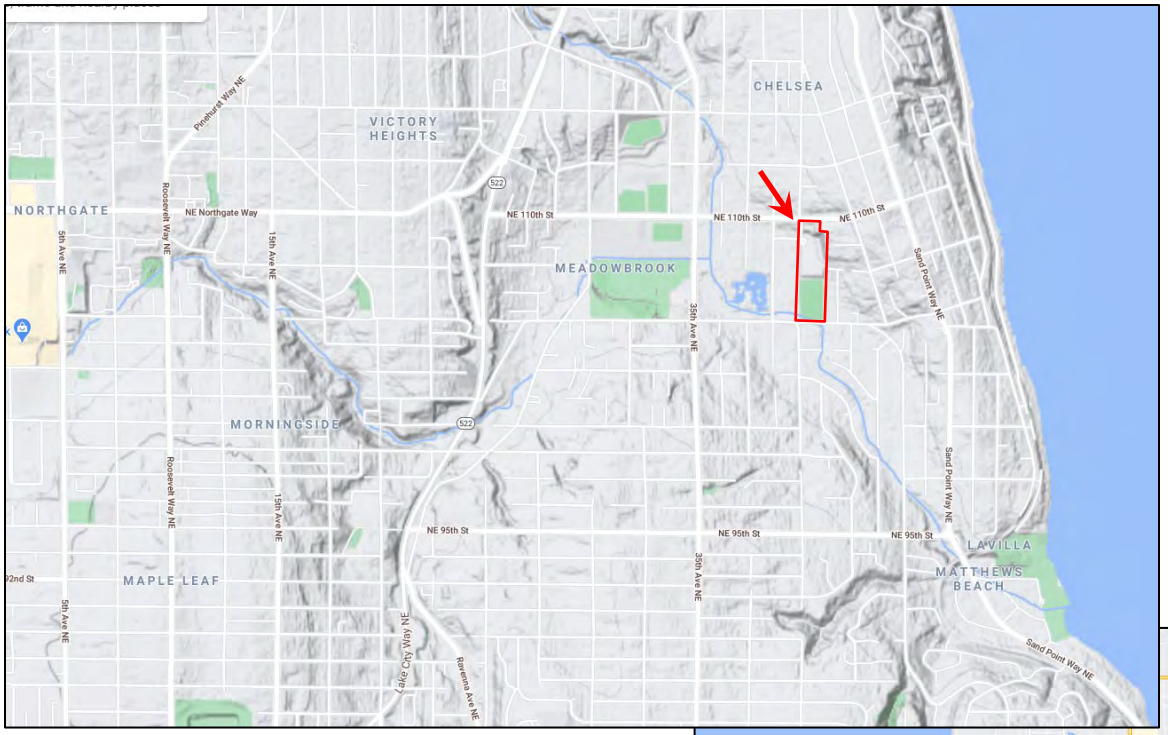
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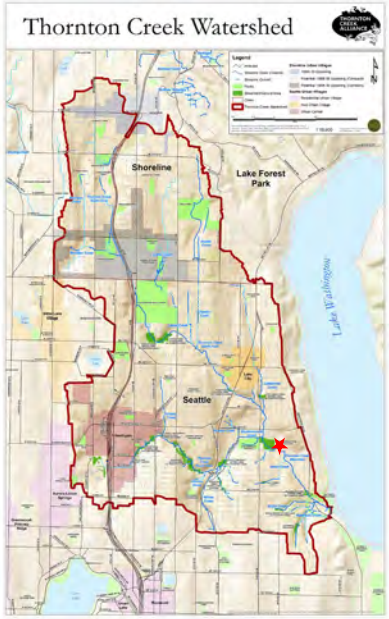
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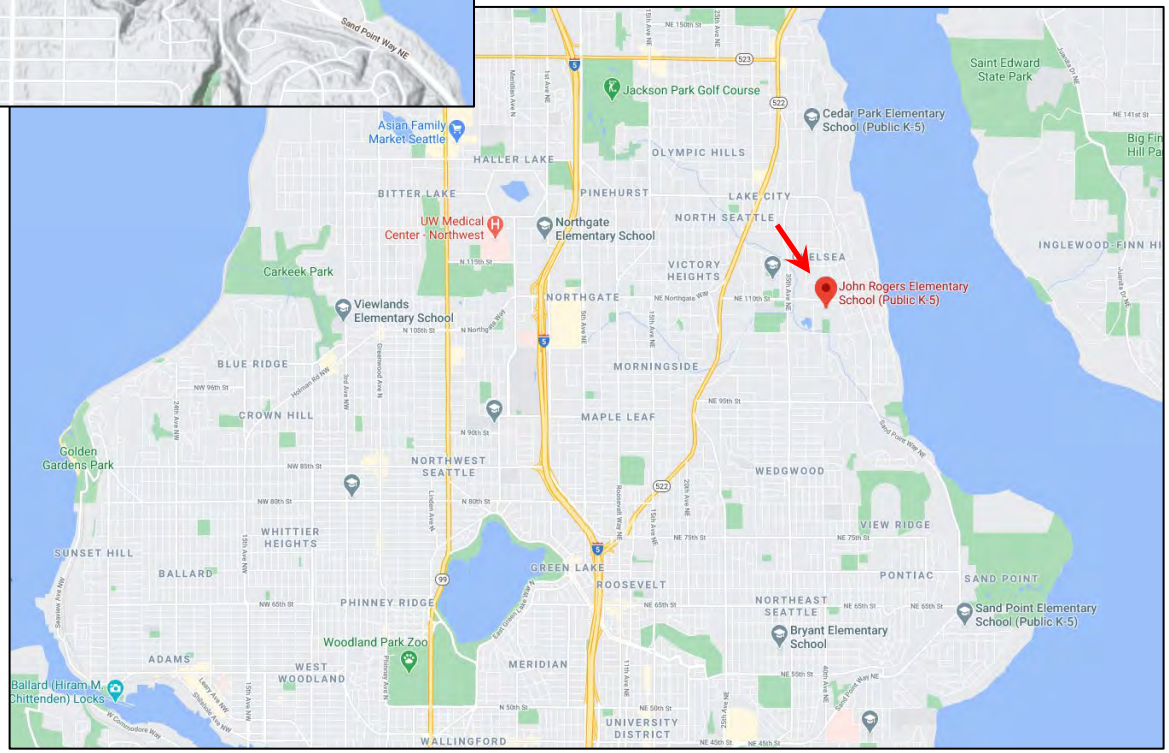
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Bryant Elementary School
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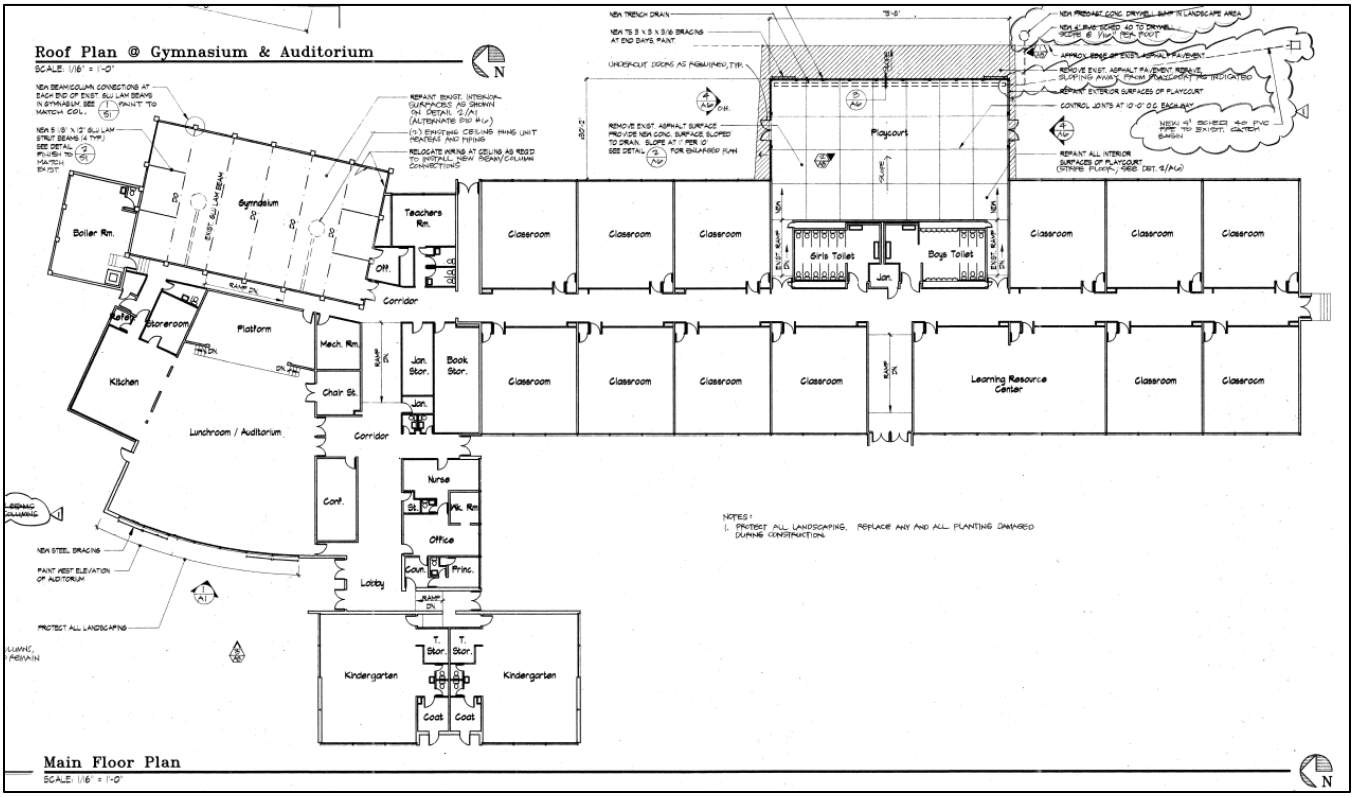
Matthews Beach

NE 110th St

NE 109th St

NE 105th St

NORTH



View south towards site from NE 110th Street (1956)

View south towards site from NE 110th Street

View north towards school buildings from south end of playfield

View east towards site from neighborhood at NE 109th Street

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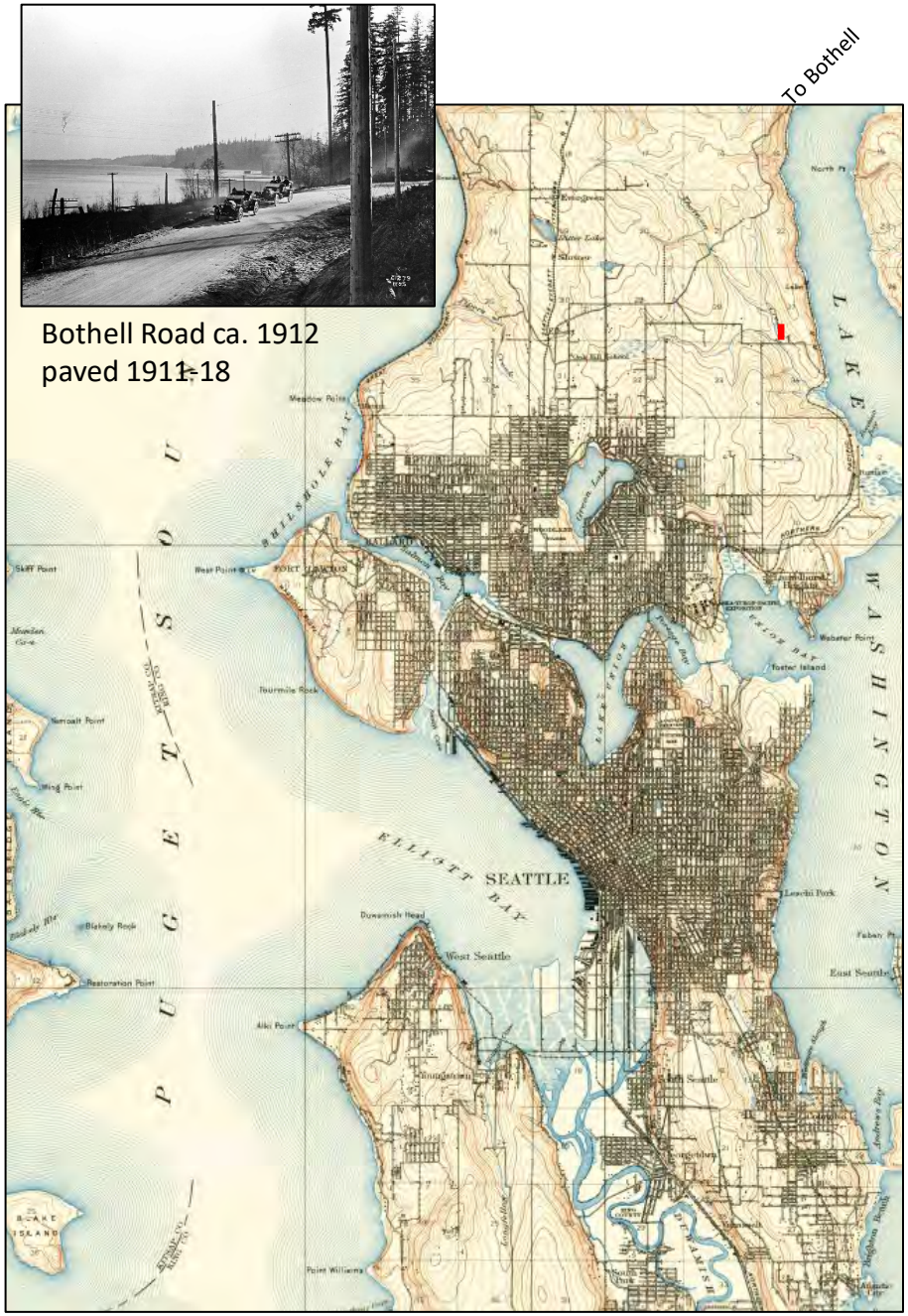
View west from site towards neighborhood at NE 109th Street

View north from site towards NE 110th Street


To Bothell
Bothell Road ca. 1912
paved 1911-18
SEATTLE
ELLIOTT BAY
LAKE WASHINGTON
PUGET SOUND
West Seattle
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Alki Point
Point Williams
Restoration Point
Blakely Rock
Tourmile Rock
Meadow Point
Skiff Point
West Point
Webster Point
Foster Island
Leschi Park
East Seattle
Rainier Beach
Mount Baker Park
Beacon Hill
Rainier Heights
Mt Baker Park
Beacon Hill Lake
Dunlap
Shoreline
Lake Union
Fremont
Ballard
Salmon Bay
Shilshole Bay
Port Ludlow
Port Gamble
Hansville
Kingston
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Tiger Lake
Issaquah Creek
Lake Sammamish
Lake Washington Canal
Lake Washington Ship Canal
Lake Washington Boulevard
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Lake Washington Golf Course
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Lake Washington Golf Club Course Hole 2
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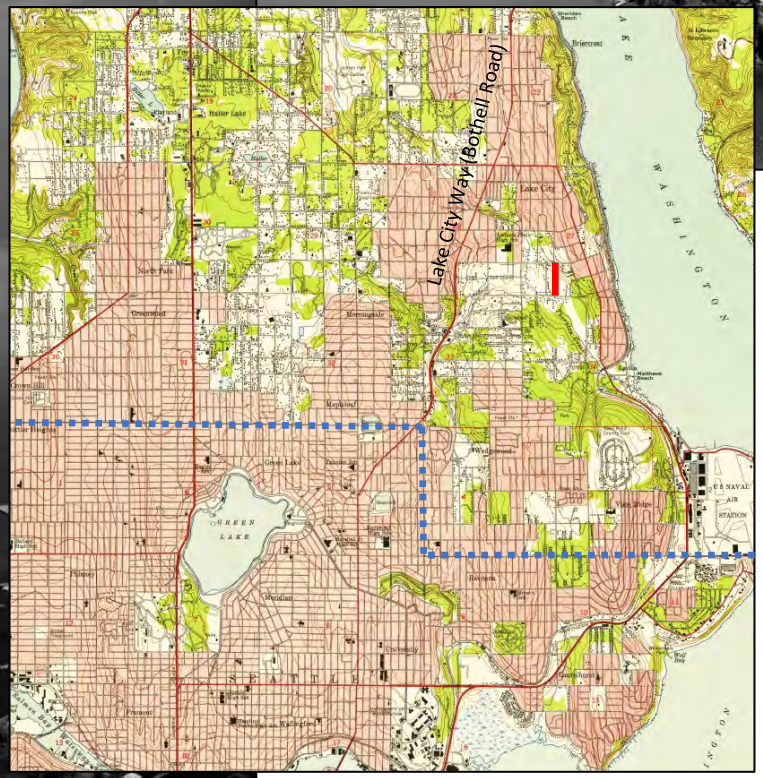
Lake Washington Golf Club Course Hole 4
Lake Washington Golf Club Course Hole 5
Lake Washington Golf Club Course Hole

(1) Maple Leaf School (1896-1910)
(2) Maple Leaf School (1910-1926)
(3) Maple Leaf School (1926-1953)
(4) Matthews/John Rogers Elementary (1953-1956)
(5) John Rogers Elementary (1956-present)

Lake City Way (Bothell Road) ca. 1942



Seattle city limits until 1954

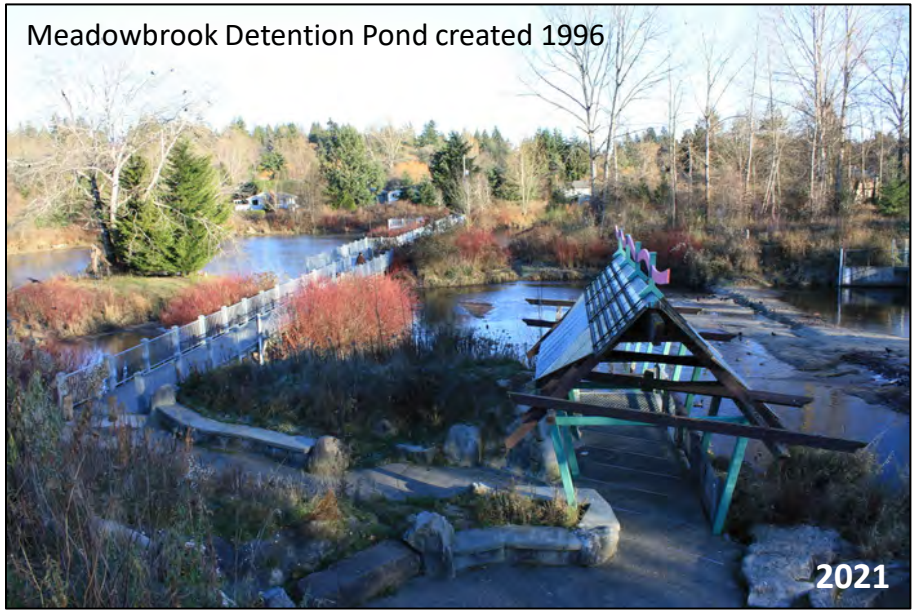
1949

Lake City Treatment Plant (now site of Meadowbrook Pond) built for upgraded utilities after 1953-54 annexation by Seattle

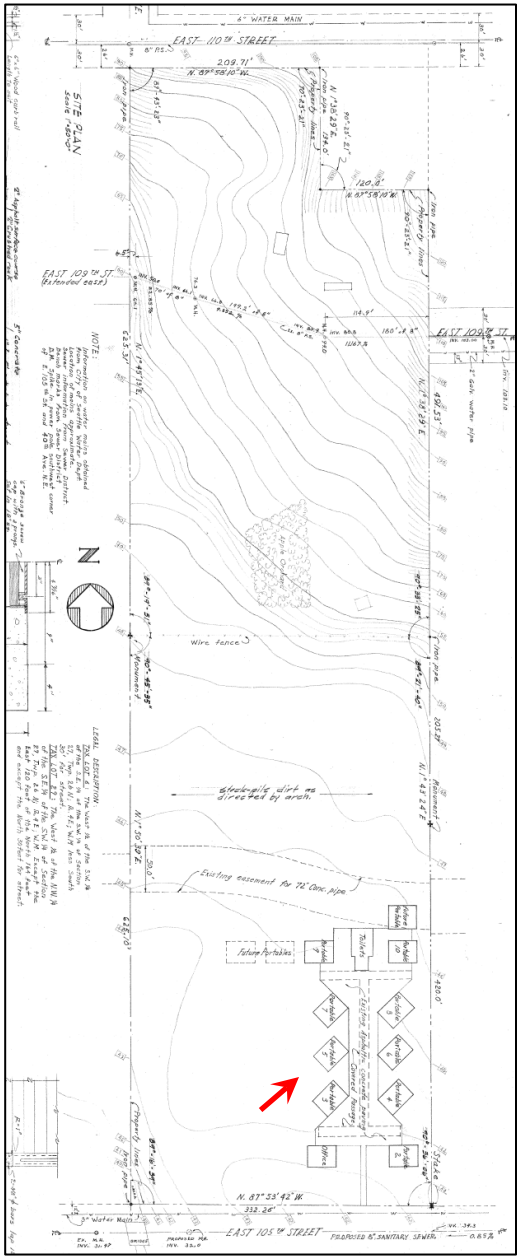
John Rogers Elementary School indicated by arrow

Portables on school site visible at end of street

Neighborhood development adjacent to site



Matthews/John Rogers Elementary all-portables school (1953-1956)



Construction spring 1955 – spring 1956
Building dedication November 15, 1956
$479,887 or $11.12/square foot

1960 – 689 students
1963 – 779 students (most)
1973 – 425 students (fewest)
2020 – 350 students (K-5)

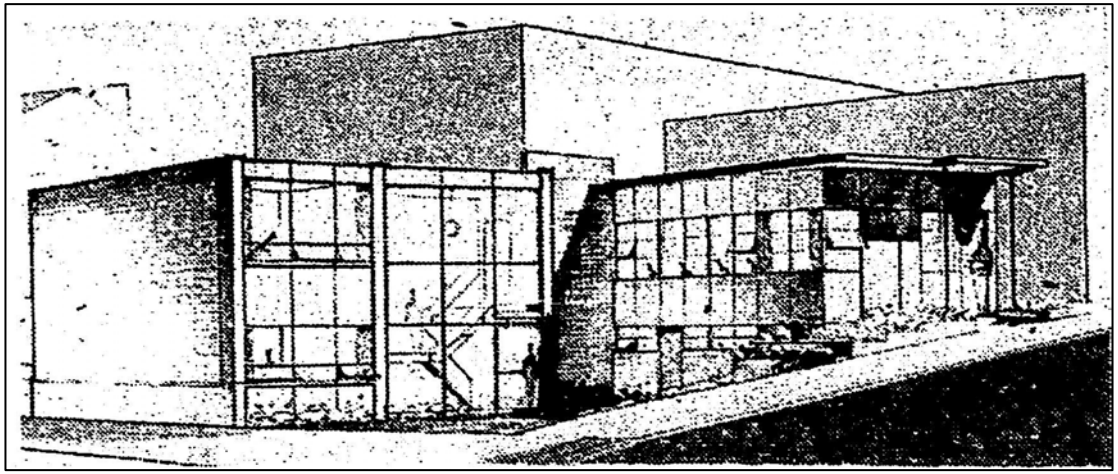
Theo Damm, Architect

"Triple-Insulated House"
(Theo Damm, 1937)

Theo Damm and family, ca. 1935

Irwin Chiropractic Clinic/Courtesy Accounting, 4411 California Ave SW
(Theo Damm, 1947)

Alki Masonic Lodge, 4736 40th Avenue SW
(Theo Damm, 1950)



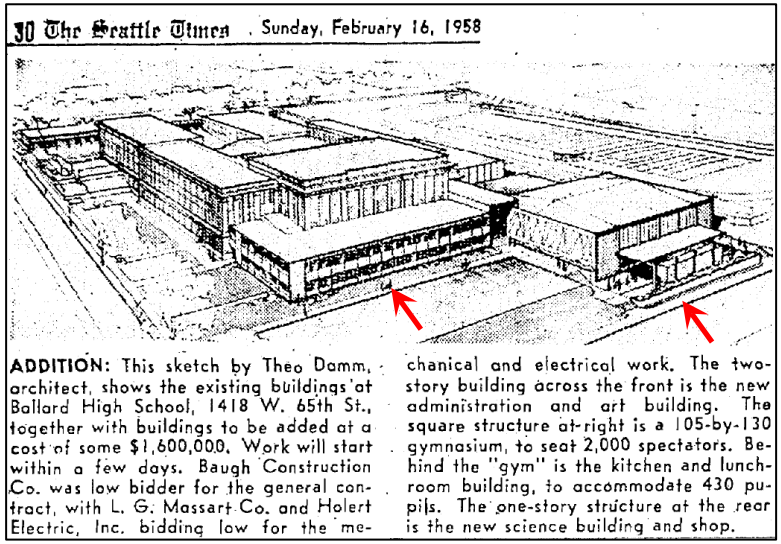
Damm's office at 516 James Street
(Theo Damm, 1953, with 1961 rear addition)

1961

1953

Theo Damm, Architect

West Seattle High School Gym (above and below)
(Theo Damm, 1959, demolished)



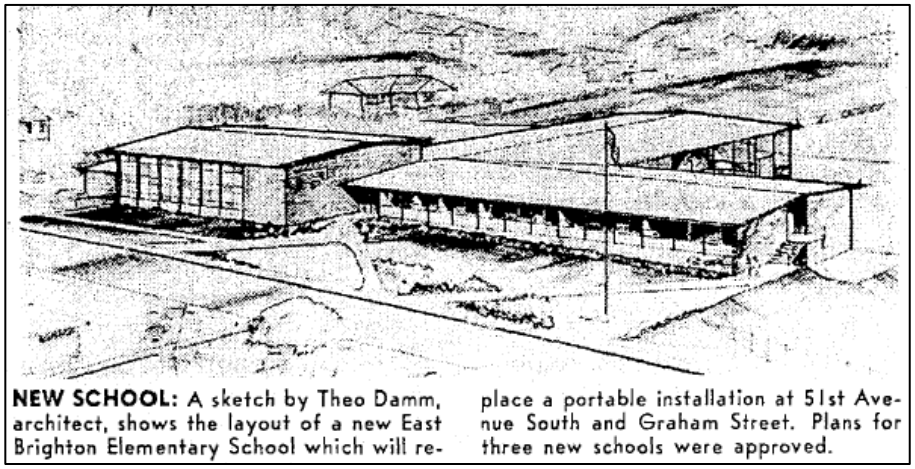
10 The Seattle Times . Sunday, February 16, 1958

ADDITION: This sketch by Theo Damm, architect, shows the existing buildings at Ballard High School, 1418 W. 65th St., together with buildings to be added at a cost of some $1,600,000. Work will start within a few days. Baugh Construction Co. was low bidder for the general contract, with L. G. Massart Co. and Holert Electric, Inc. bidding low for the mechanical and electrical work. The two-story building across the front is the new administration and art building. The square structure at right is a 105-by-130 gymnasium, to seat 2,000 spectators. Behind the "gym" is the kitchen and lunchroom building, to accommodate 430 pupils. The one-story structure at the rear is the new science building and shop.

Ballard High School Addition (above and below)
(Theo Damm, 1958-59, demolished)

Theo Damm, Architect

Beverly Elementary, Lynnwood
(Theo Damm, 1958-59)

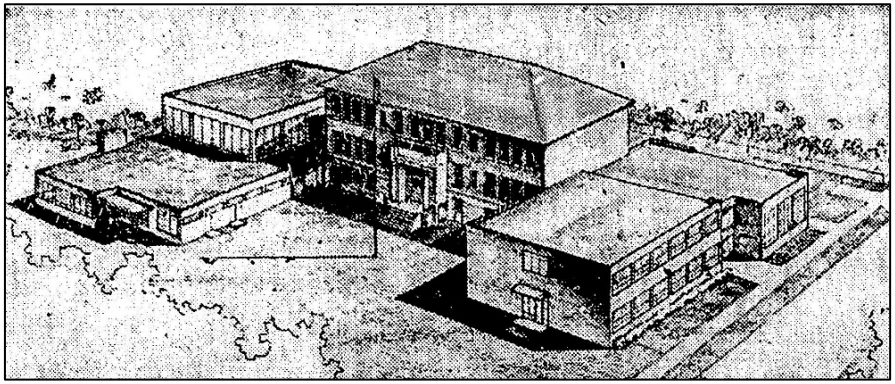


NEW SCHOOL: A sketch by Theo Damm, architect, shows the layout of a new East Brighton Elementary School which will replace a portable installation at 51st Avenue South and Graham Street. Plans for three new schools were approved.

Graham Hill Elementary (above and below)
(Damm, Daum & Assoc., 1961)

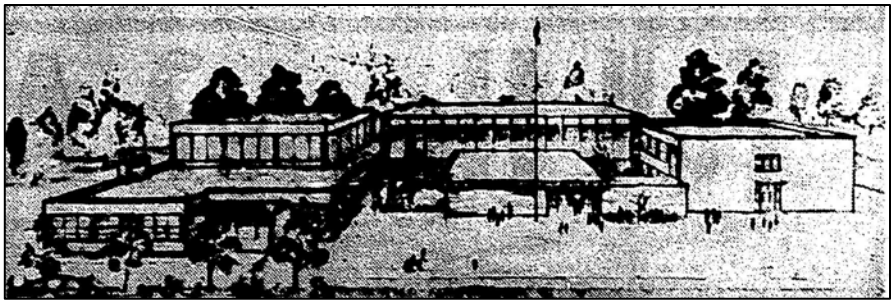
Maplewood Elementary, Edmonds
(Theo Damm, 1961, demolished)

Theo Damm, Architect



Alki Elementary: 1954 rendering showing additions to original 1913 school

Alki Elementary School Additions
(Theo Damm, 1954 and 1967)



1965 rendering showing center addition after earthquake damage to 1913 building

Alki Elementary ca. 1967

Alki Elementary ca. 1955

Theo Damm, Architect

Harborview Hospital South Wing Addition (above and below)
(Theo Damm, 1953-55, with Henry Bittman)

Seattle Municipal Building / City Hall (above and below)
(JM McCammon Associates, Dallas, 1958-62; with Theo Damm)

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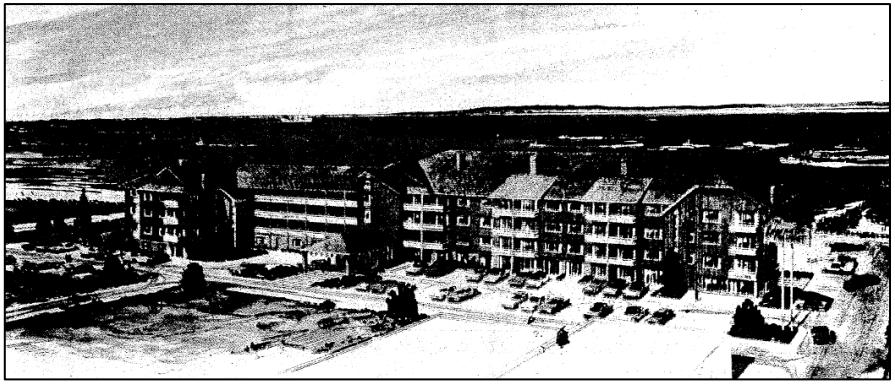
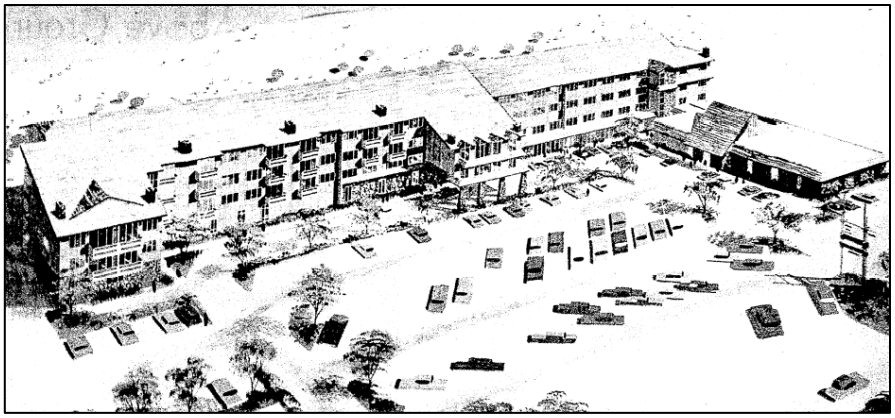
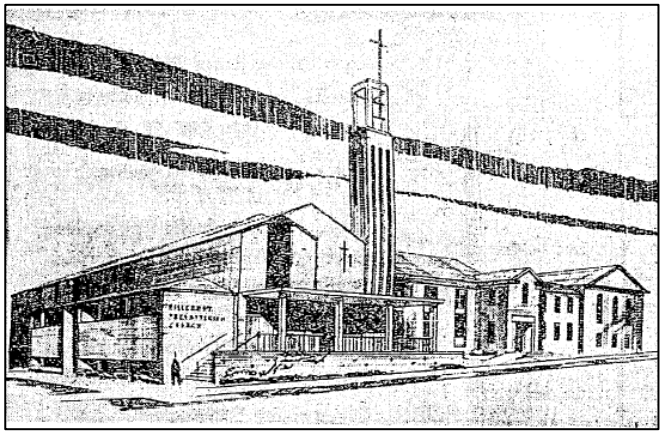






Addition to Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (Theo Damm, 1956)

Ocean Shores Resort & Westport Resort (Damm, Daum & Assoc., 1968)

Current Photos

View from northwest – main approach to school

Main entry

North part of building

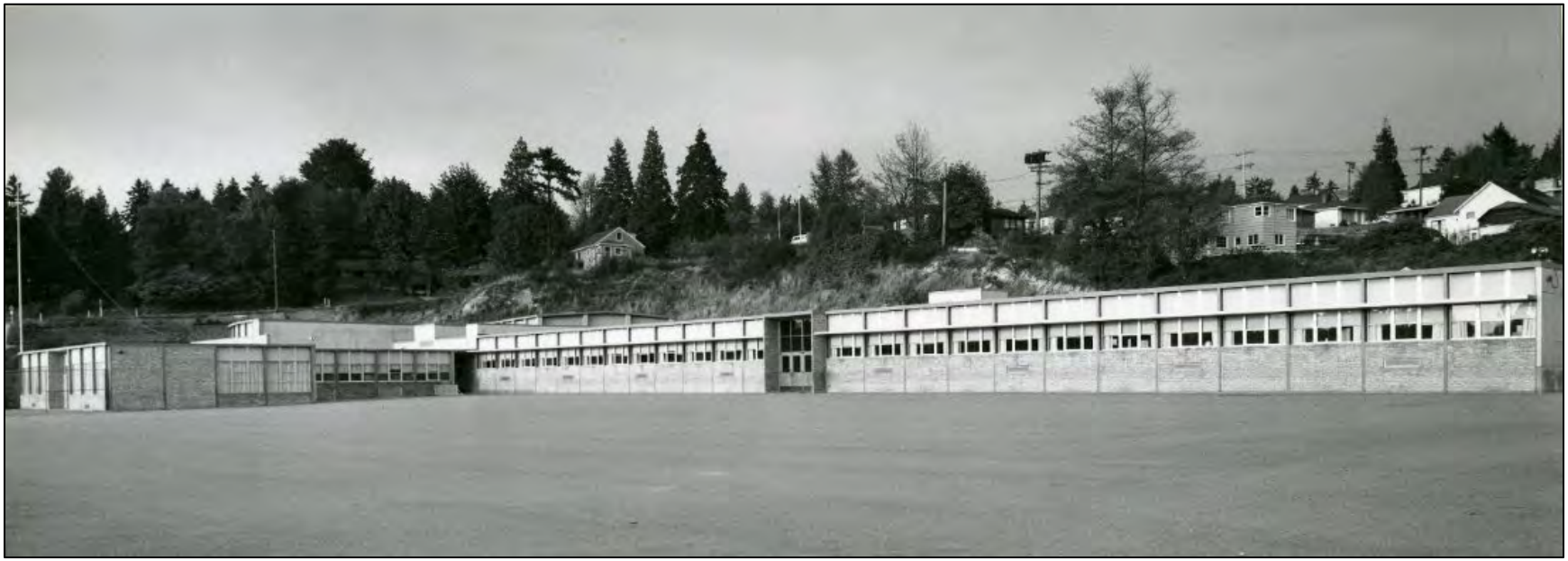
West facade of Auditorium/Lunchroom

Kindergarten unit, north facade

Kindergarten unit, west facade

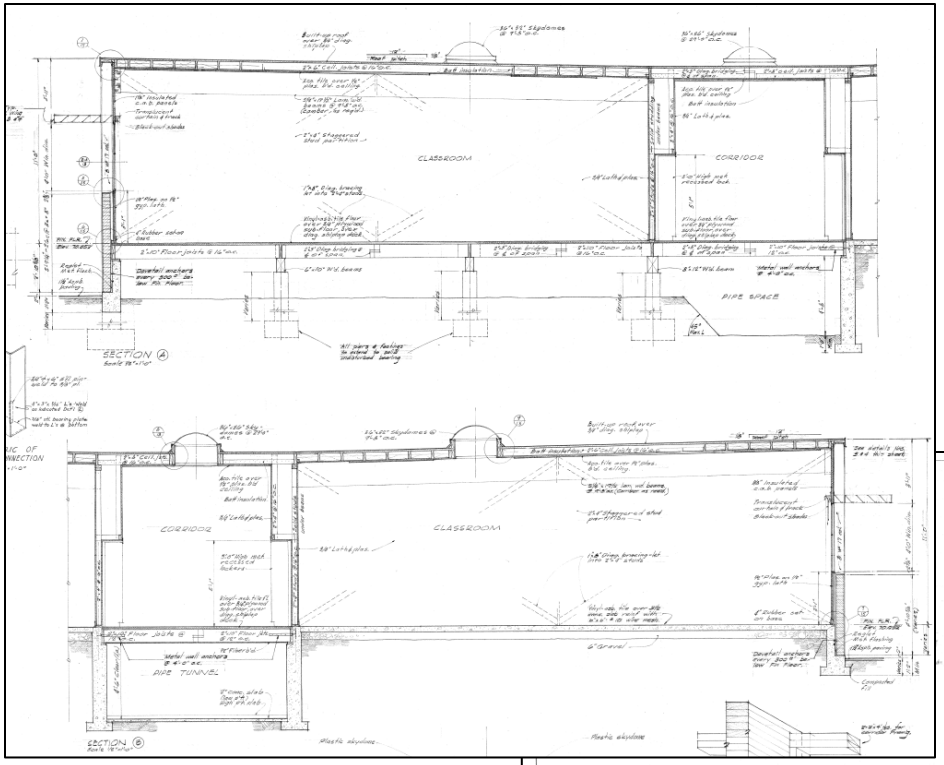
Kindergarten unit and offices, south facade

Kindergarten unit, west facade

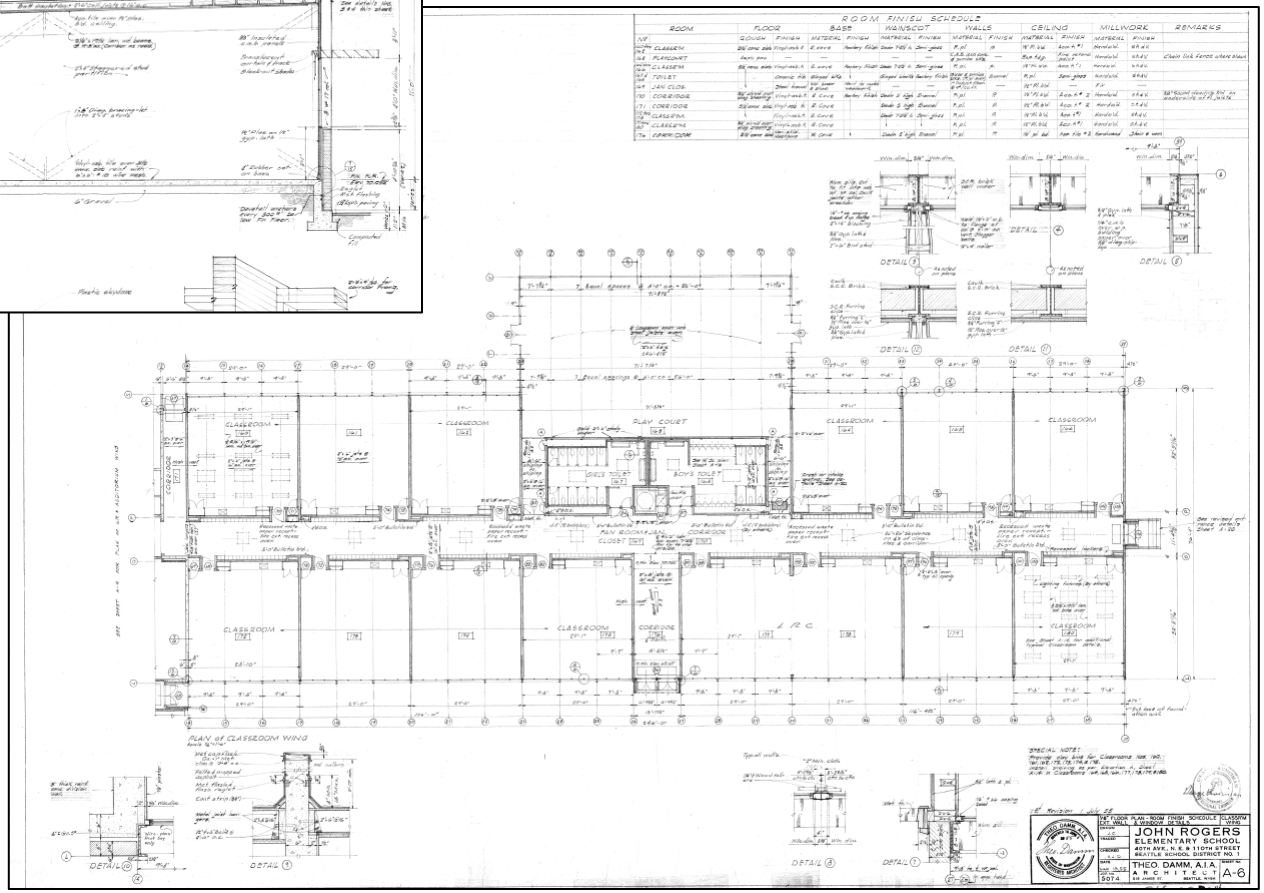


West and south façades from playground, ca. 1956

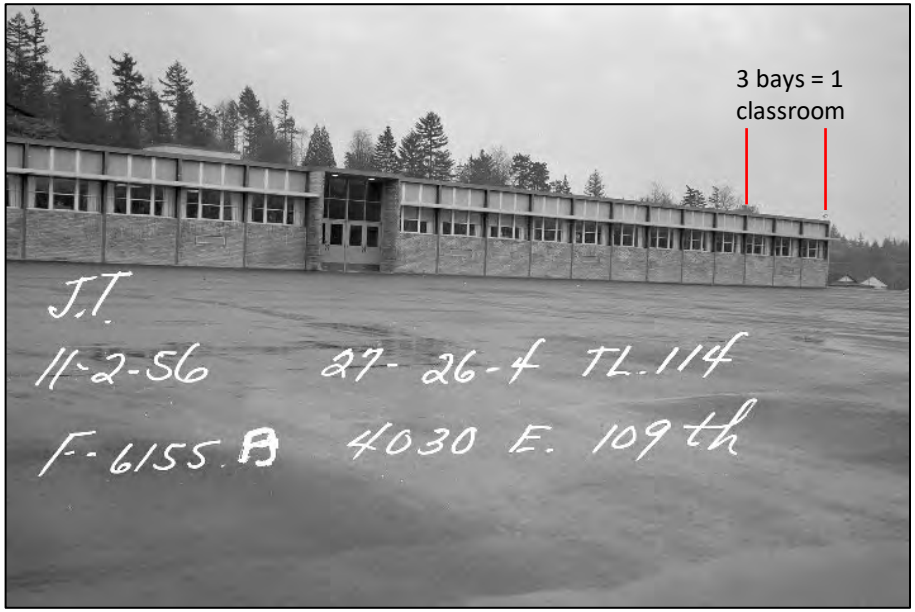
West and south façades from playground, 2021



Building section at classrooms



Building plan at classrooms



West façade, 1956

West façade, detail of side entry

Original brick color

West façade, detail of sun screens

South façade

East façade, view north; playcourt in distance

South façade – Detail of siding

East façade - Playcourt

East façade, view south; playcourt in distance

East façade - Gymnasium

Playcourt

East façade - Playcourt

Portables

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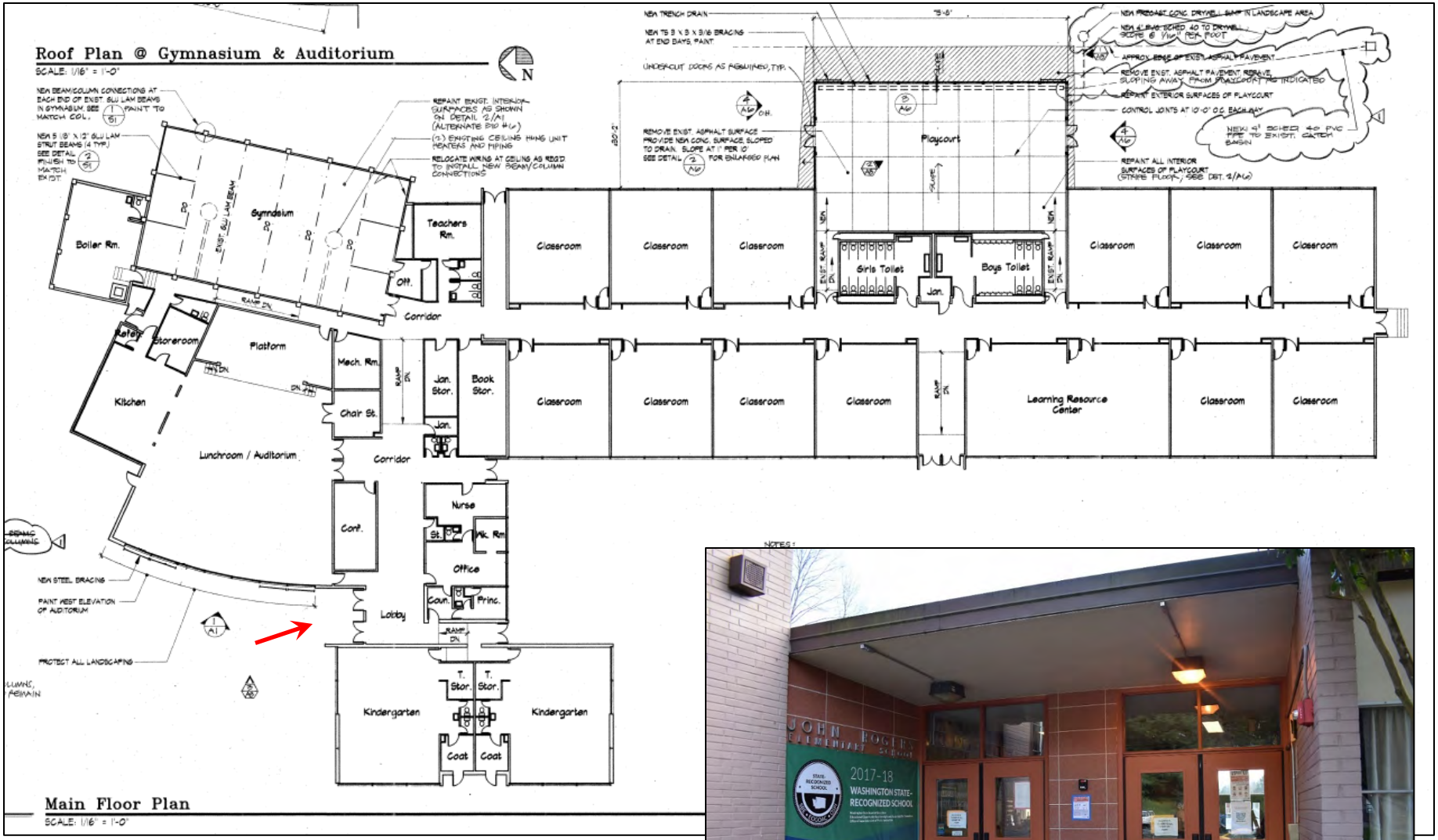
Roof Plan @ Gymnasium & Auditorium
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"
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Gymnasium
Boiler Rm.
Teachers Rm.
Off.
Corridor
Storeroom
Platform
Mech. Rm.
Kitchen
Chair St.
Jan. Stor.
Jan.
Book Stor.
Lunchroom / Auditorium
Corridor
Cont.
Nurse
St.
Wk. Rm
Office
Coun.
Princ.
Lobby
Kindergarten
Kindergarten
T. Stor.
T. Stor.
Coat
Coat
Classroom
Classroom
Classroom
Girls Toilet
Boys Toilet
Jan.
Playcourt
Classroom
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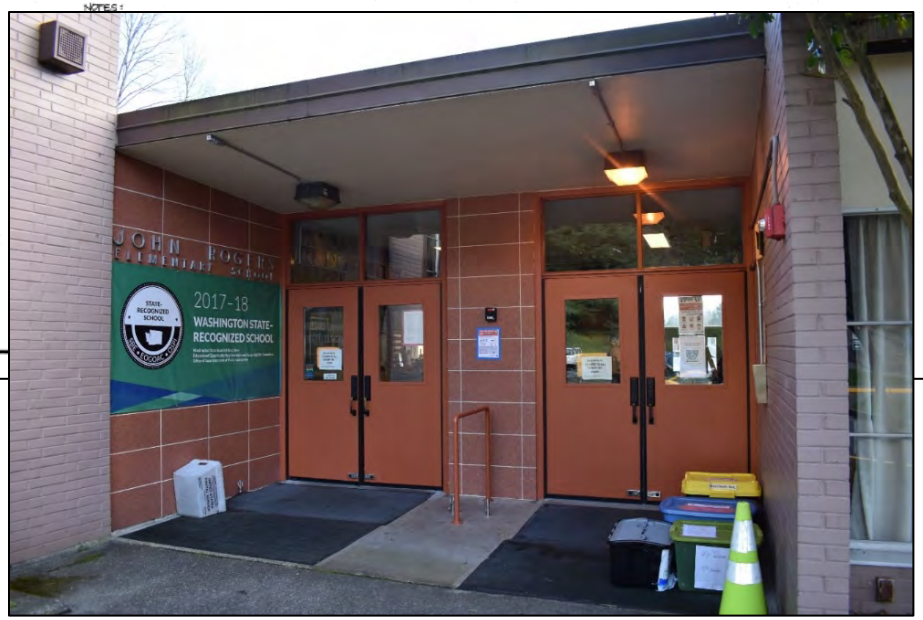
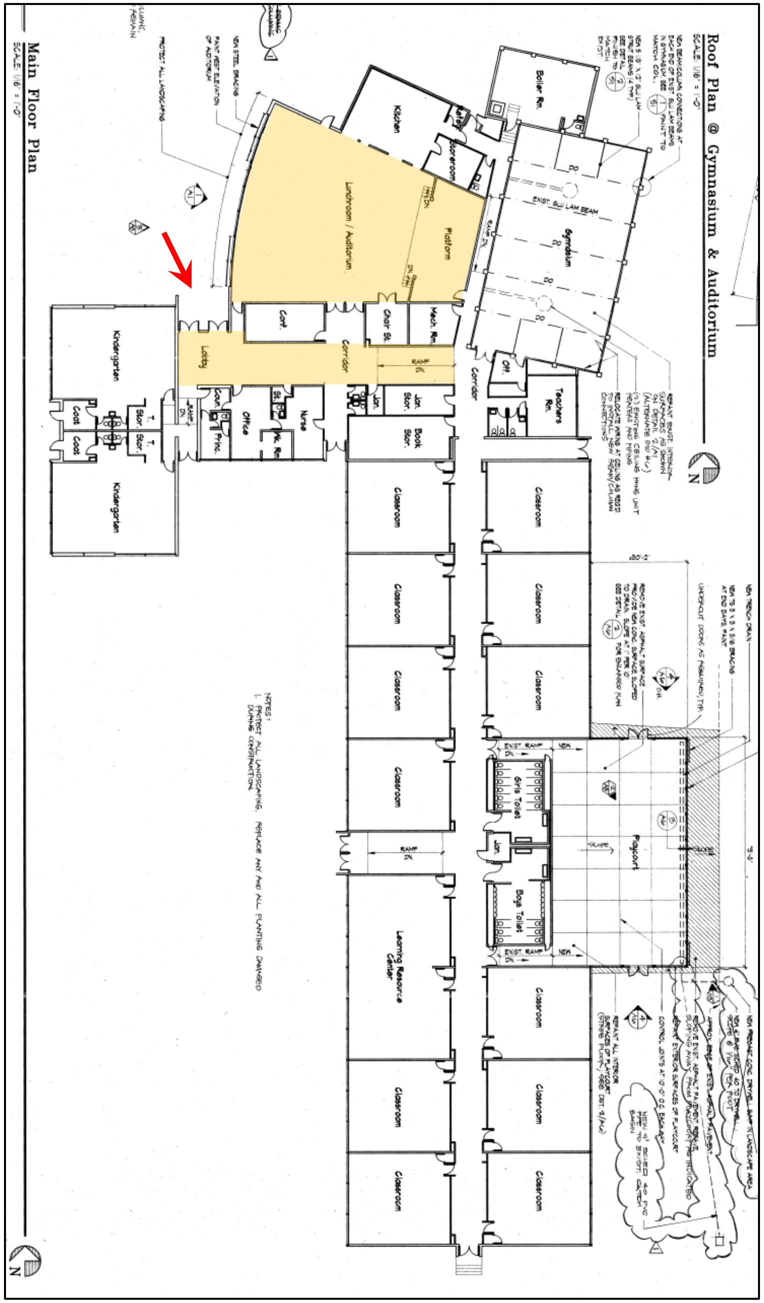
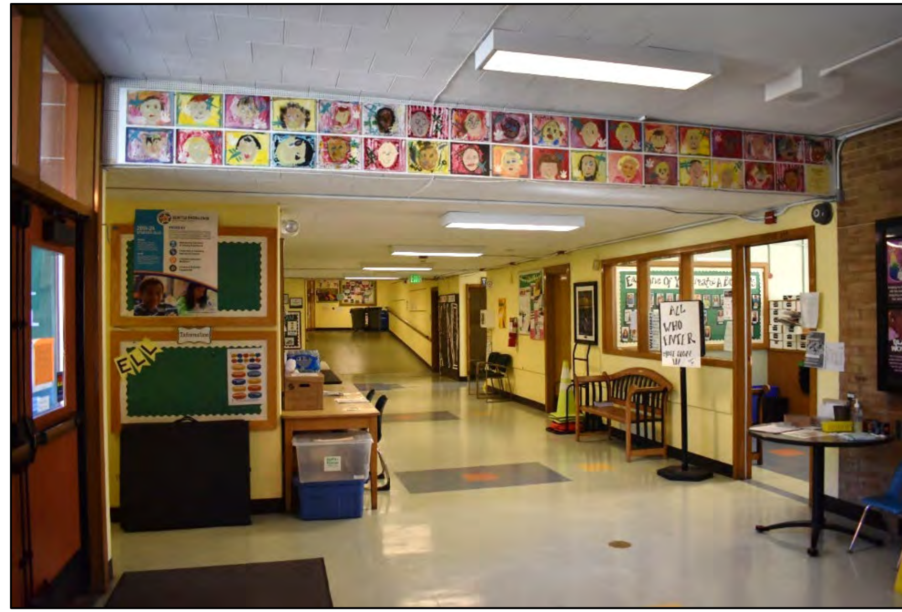
Classroom
Learning Resource Center
Classroom
Classroom
Main Floor Plan
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"


JOHN ROGERS
2017-18
WASHINGTON STATE-RECOGNIZED SCHOOL

Main entry

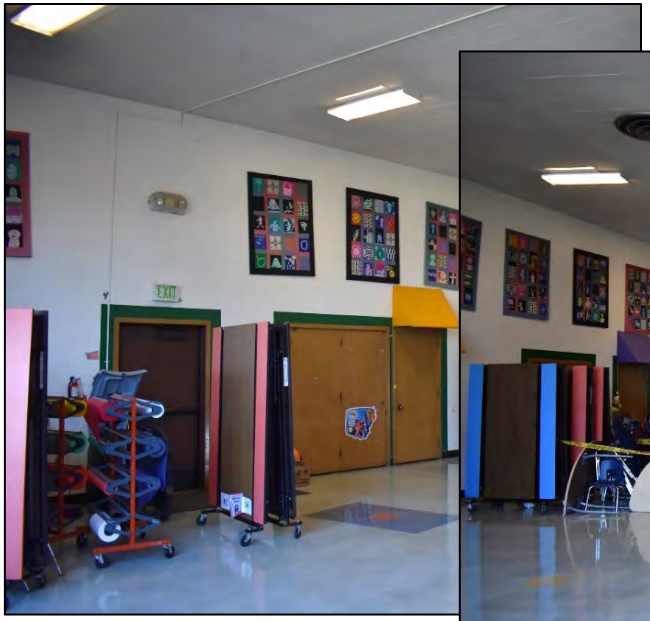




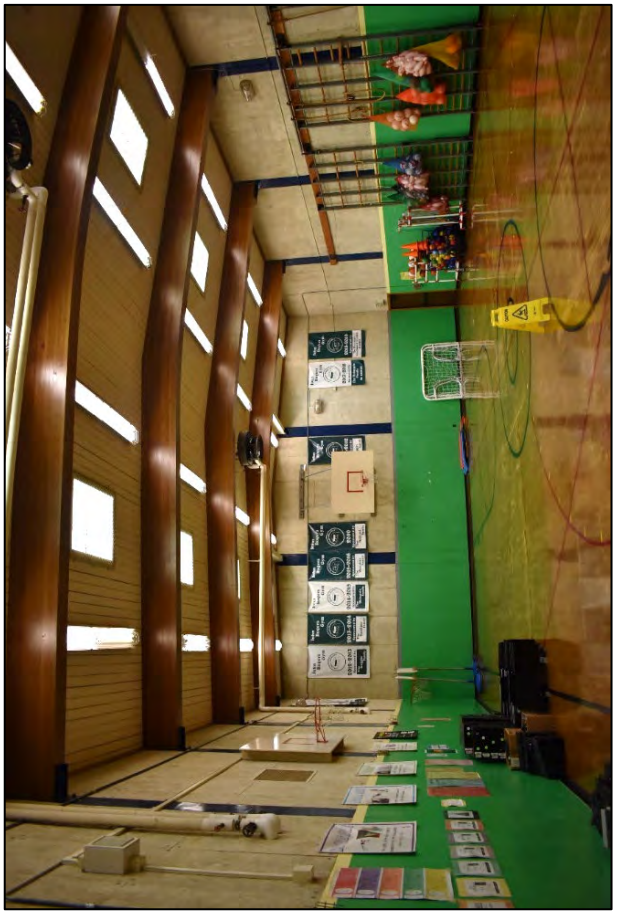
Entry corridor – view east; offices visible on right

Entry corridor – view back to main entry

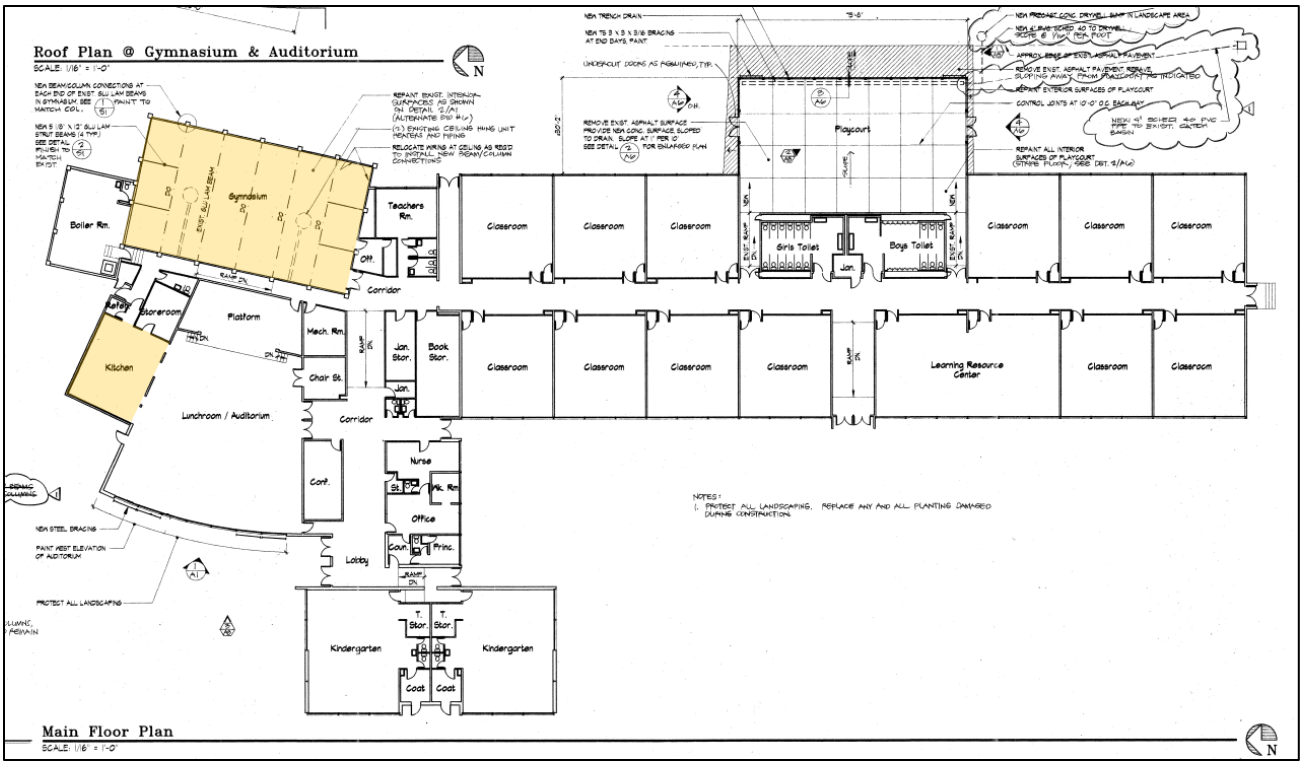
Auditorium / Lunchroom

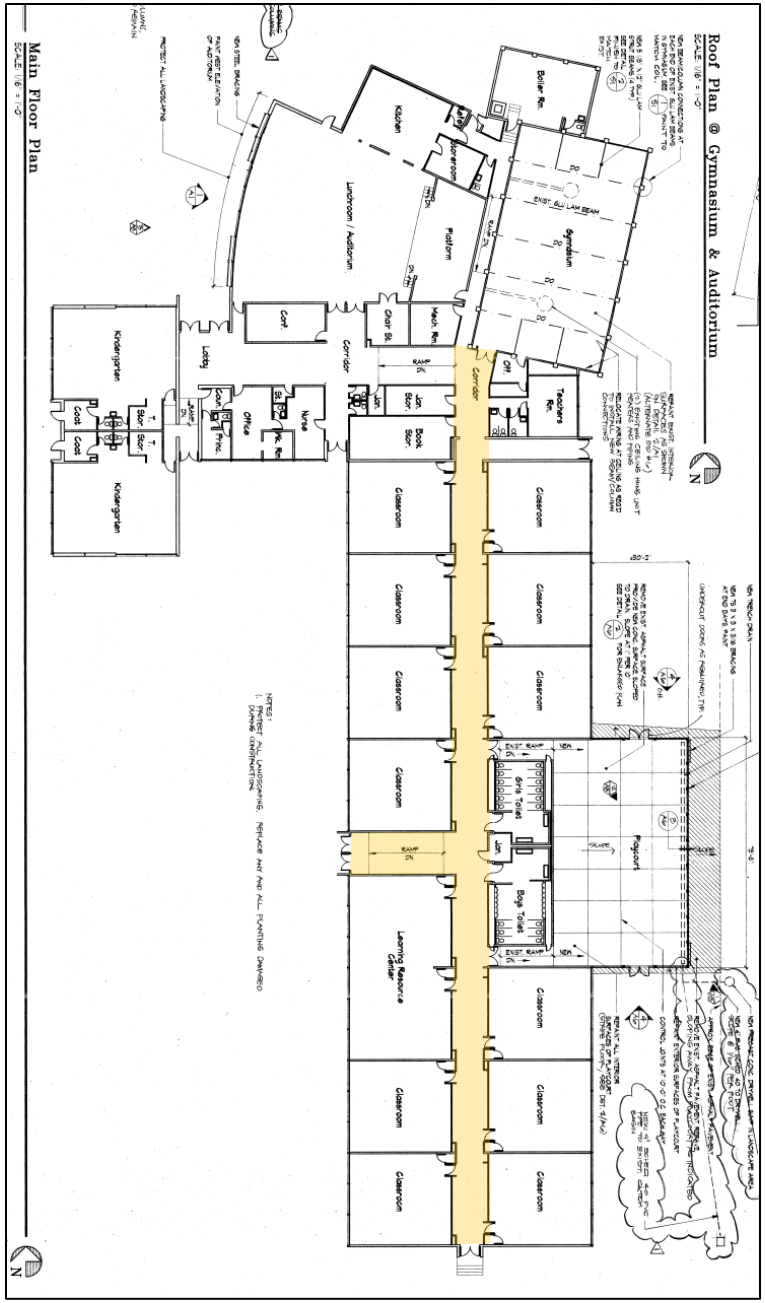


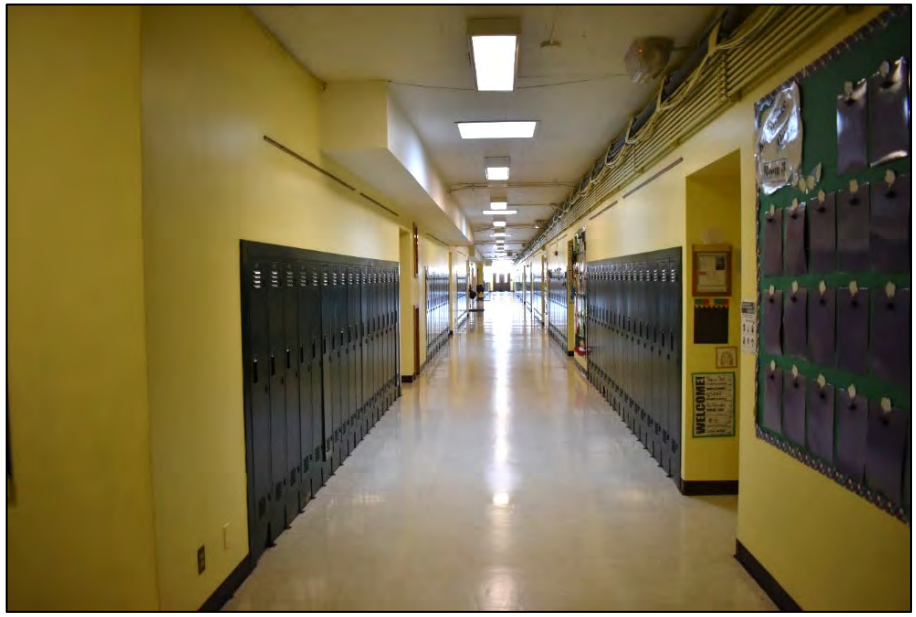
Kitchen



Gymnasium

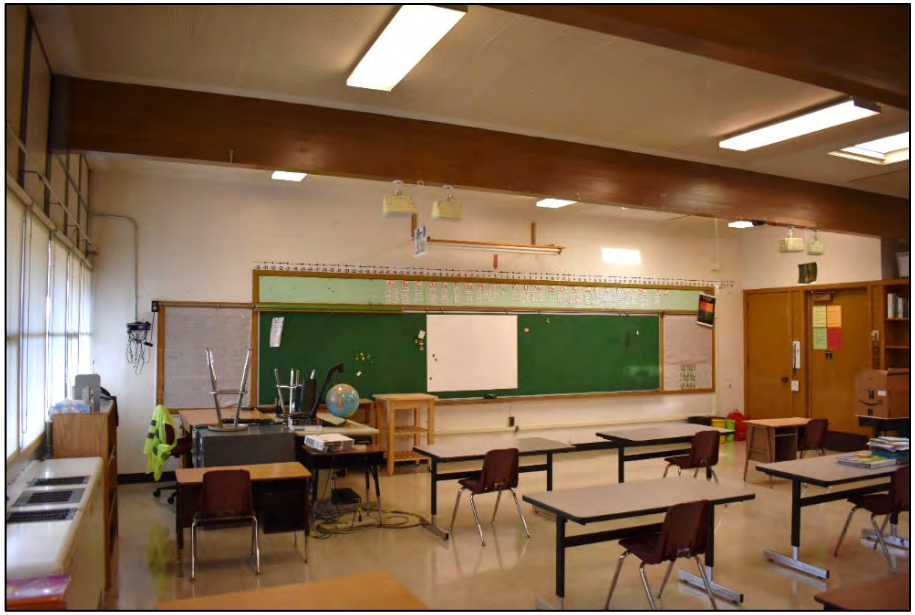






Main corridor

Main corridor – side entry from playground



Typical classroom

Typical classroom – cabinetry and skylights

Typical classroom

Typical classroom – windows and sun shades

Learning Resource Center / Library

Teacher's lounge

Supplies/Storage

Student restroom

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