

The City of Seattle

## Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB-101/81

REPORT ON LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Name of Property:

Isaac Stevens Elementary School

Address:

1242 - 18th Avenue East

Features to be Preserved:

Entire exterior of school building and site.

Criteria Applicable:

Satisfaction of Criterion 3.01 (4):

It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction; or

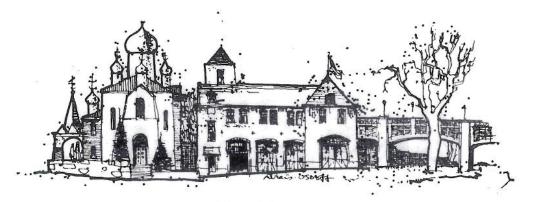
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City Historic Preservation Officer

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## Landmark Nomination Form

Name Isaac Stevens School Year Built 1906

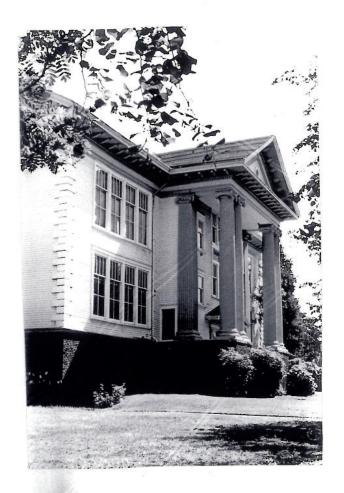
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Present Owner S	eattle Publ	lic School	L Dist.	Present Use_	elementary school
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ArchitectJame	s Stephen			Builder Hut	chins & Priddle

Stevens Elementary, designed in 1906 by James Stephen, conforms to a standardized plan which was frequently used by the Seattle School District for eight room school buildings. As in the case of the 1901-02 Model School Plan developed by Stephen, the eight room plan seems to have anticipated the phased addition of end wings which would provide each school with a total of twenty rooms upon completion. though the plans and dimensions of these frame schools are uniform, facades, detailing and rooflines were occasionally varied in response to differing stylistic preferences, or a concern for establishing more individualized identities. Manifestations of the standard eight room plan included octagonal turrets at Hay and Latona schools, "Tudor" half timbering at Seward, and "colonial" porticos and detailing at Stevens and Coe. Of the last two examples cited, only Stevens retains the integrity of its original form.

Isaac Stevens School contributes significantly to the character of its surrounding north Capitol Hill neighborhood. Its neo-classical stylistic overtones mirror the personality of many of the neighboring residences.

Isaac Stevens School is a rectangular two story frame structure with clapboard siding and a gable roof. Built upon a raised brick basement, the original portion of the building measures 99 by 75 feet in plan and was originally designed to include eight class-rooms. A small, single story extension was added in 1928 to provide for additional space.

The west or primary facade is distinguished by a colossal Roman-Ionic order portico with pediment which projects forward at the center of the building. The main entrance to the school is located within the portico at the ground level, halfway between the basement and first stories. It consists of double doors, sidelights, and a transom, and is surmounted by a scaled down version of the same pediment crowning the portico. The portion of the facade encompassed within the portico also includes two central window groupings separated by a spandrel bearing the school's name, and four small cloak room windows somewhat hidden from view behind the two pairs of portico columns. Fenestration at the two sides of the facade flanking the portico consists of first and second story window groupings at each flank. Quoined corners and a cornice supported by attenuated brackets enrich the exterior at all four elevations.





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