

## INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0285

## Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Penacook High School  
(AKA Washington Street School)
2. District or area: Penacook Village
3. Street and number: 26 Washington St.
4. City or town: Concord (Penacook)
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: Merrimack Valley School District

## Function or Use

7. Current use(s): School
8. Historic use(s): School

## Architectural Information

9. Style/type: Colonial Revival
10. Architect/builder: Wells, Hudson & Granger
11. Source: architectural plans
12. Construction date: 1936
13. Source: architectural plans & district reports
14. Alterations, with dates: E addition (1950), rear addition (1956)
15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exterior Features

16. Foundation: poured concrete
17. Cladding: brick
18. Roof material: rubber membrane
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: flat
21. Chimney location: off-center to east
22. Number of stories: 2
23. Entry location: façade, center
24. Windows: 1/1

Replacement? no  yes  date: ca. mid-1980s

## Site Features

25. Setting: village center
26. Outbuildings: none
27. Landscape features: stone wall
28. Acreage: .8 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 1413/P 26



**Description** Façade (south elevation) of original school

35. Photo #1

36. Date August 2010

37. Direction: N

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30 UTM reference: 19.288815/479474031. USGS quadrangle and scale: Penacook 1:24000

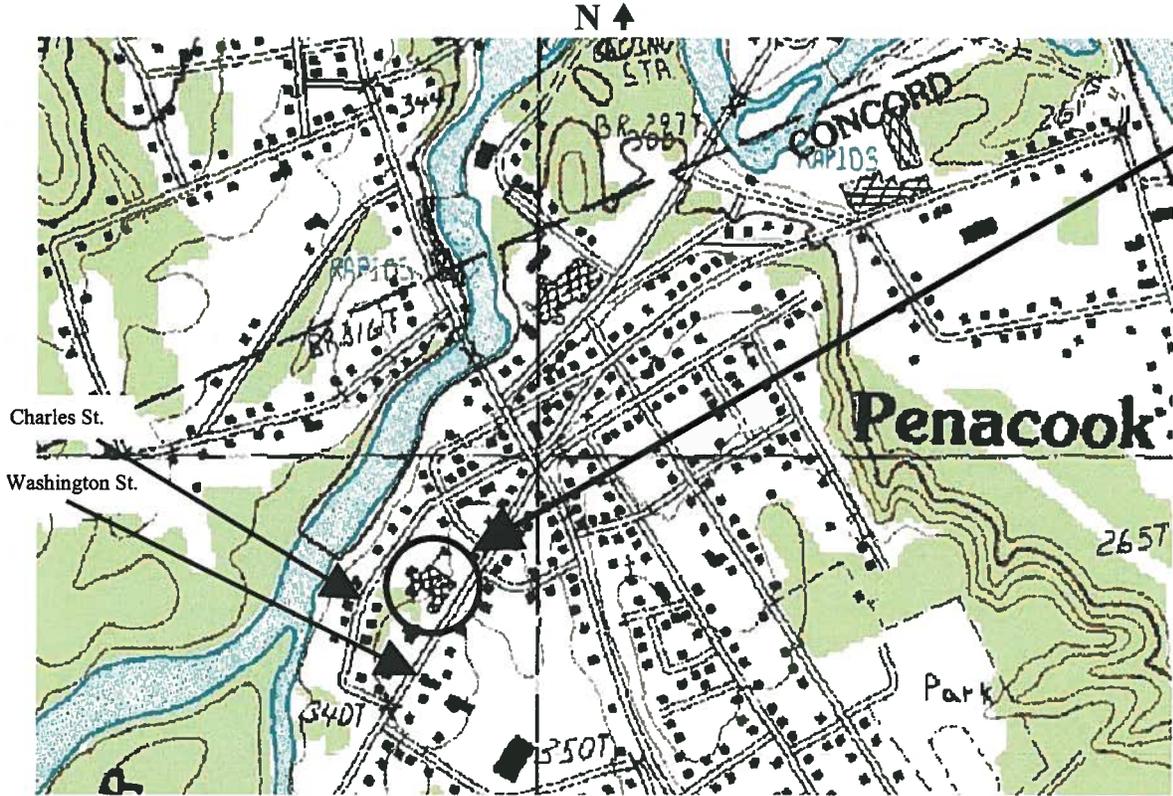
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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS Map, Penacook Quad, 1987

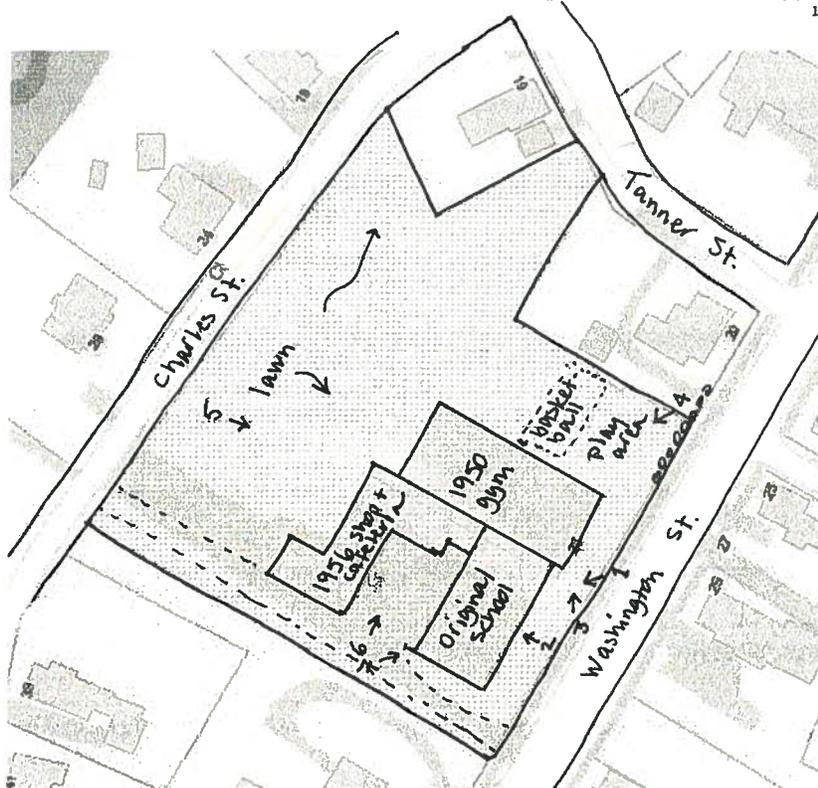


40. PROPERTY MAP:



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**41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:**

Over a period of 100 years, Concord (including Penacook) schools underwent two major and one minor construction campaigns to meet the ever-increasing student population. Yet, despite the seeming abundance of new schools, many of them were overcrowded within a few years of their opening.<sup>1</sup>

The first flurry occurred during the late 1850s and into the late 1870s, in response to the dramatic growth caused by the arrival of the railroad. At least sixteen new schools were erected, most of which replaced overcrowded or outmoded wooden schoolhouses, in some instances with brick buildings: Rumford School (1858), Merrimack School (1858, still standing on Beacon Street), Eleven Lots School (1858), District No. 3 School (1862, still standing on Knight Street in West Concord), Third High School (1864, burned 1888), Bow Brook Schoolhouse (1864), Franklin Street School (1865), District No. 22 Schoolhouse (1867, Heights), Penacook School (1870, South State & West streets), District No. 1 Schoolhouse (1870, Horse Hill), Eastman School (1870), Walker School (1873), Dame School (1873), District No. 13 (1873, Sewalls Falls), Summer Street School (1877, still standing at 12 Cross Street in Penacook), and Chandler School (1878, South & Fayette streets).<sup>2</sup>

The period 1923-1942, when the city underwent a population bubble between the wars, saw the erection of yet six more schools: Millville School (1923, still standing at 2 Fisk Road), the sixth Concord High School (1927, still standing at 170 Warren Street), Conant School (1929, still standing at 152 South Street but slated for demolition in 2012), Eastman School (1936, still standing at 15 Shawmut Street but to be vacated in 2012), the subject Penacook High School (1936, now Washington Street School) and a new Harriet P. Dame School (1942, still standing at 14 Canterbury Road but to be vacated in 2012).

The history of Penacook's schools is linked to both the City of Concord and the Town of Boscawen, as Penacook Village includes both municipalities within its limits. Though permanent settlement in the village dates back to the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the village did not take shape until the mid-1830s when the Fisher brothers purchased land and waterpower rights and erected a stone cotton mill. Over the next 100 years, the community involved as an important manufacturing center, producing textiles, wagon axles for the various coach companies in Concord, furniture and excelsior (used as a packing material and for stuffing), flour, and building components. During the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, electrical instruments and twine and sash cord also came from the village, as well as products from a tannery.

On the Concord side of Penacook, a number of schools have served the village. The first was built in 1817, the year Concord's District No. 2 was split in two, creating District No. 20 in the village and to which part of Boscawen was annexed.<sup>3</sup> The schoolhouse straddled the town line and was supported by both municipalities; boys sat on the north side (in Boscawen), while girls sat on the south (Concord) side. A decade or so later, it was relocated and replaced, used until

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<sup>1</sup> Of these twentieth century schools, only Dewey and Millville served developing neighborhoods; the remainder replaced earlier schools on or near their site. Interestingly, many of the schools that replaced an older one on or near the same site, it retained the earlier name.

<sup>2</sup> The Merrimack and Rumford schools were constructed from the same set of plans. [Ordway, 1903: 1255]

<sup>3</sup> Ordway, 1903: 1223. Penacook and Boscawen shared schools from 1815-1836 and again from 1909 through 1935.

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the two towns split their schooling apart in 1836. Boscawen erected a new schoolhouse, while Concord students attended a new, small schoolhouse on Rolfe Street. The latter was quickly outgrown, however, necessitating the construction of a new, two-story, wooden building on Summer Street in 1849. When it burned in February, 1877, the district voted to erect the existing Summer Street School.<sup>4</sup>

By 1852, Penacook Village had high school classes, held in a two-story brick building built in 1848. After the formation of the Penacook Union School District in 1909, high school students on the Concord side of Penacook joined their Boscawen counterparts at the former Penacook Academy on North Main Street in Boscawen. However, within nine years, the school's headmaster and the district superintendent began lobbying citizens for a new high school, as the Academy building was deemed inadequate in size and functionality; designed for 70 the building now housed 200. In the 1930s, those cries became more impassioned and urgent; the population was increasing quickly, and the superintendent began to point toward an educational crisis. At the behest of Headmaster George V. Randall, a group of high school graduates organized an alumni association and added their voices to the situation.<sup>5</sup>

As early as 1919, superintendent George Sumner had begun to promote a lot on Charles Street on the Concord side of Penacook as an ideal site for a new high school, given its central location and ample size. The lot was already occupied by the Charles Street School, but had plenty of space behind it (to the south) that fronted on Washington Street.<sup>6</sup> However, Boscawen citizens had no wish to relocate the high school to the Concord side of Penacook and argued the current Penacook Academy site was the better choice. When Boscawen ultimately withdrew from the school union in 1935, it forced Penacook's hand.<sup>7</sup>

That same year, the district—still called Penacook Union, despite the loss of Boscawen—engaged Wells, Hudson & Granger, architects from Hanover, NH, to prepare plans for a new high school on the Charles Street School lot, oriented to front onto Washington Street.<sup>8</sup> Their plans called for a two-story, symmetrically designed building clad with sand-struck brick and fitted out with multi-pane austral windows (since removed).<sup>9</sup> On the first floor were three

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<sup>4</sup> Randall, 1959: 3-4. An additional \$1,200 was ultimately needed to fund the new school.

<sup>5</sup> Randall: 9-10, 68; Hengen, 2001: 3-4; *Penacook Union School District Annual Reports*, 1919: 8-11, 1935: 83.

<sup>6</sup> In his 1919 report to the community, Sumner also offered up his grand vision for the future of Penacook (he called it "a pleasant dream") and this location in particular. It included "A dozen years from now a new high school building should stand on the Charles Street lot, fronting on Washington Street, and at some time after this the grammar school should also be on this lot, centralizing here the entire school plant, with a central heating system, an auditorium large enough for graduation exercises and big community meetings, and an organization competent to handle economically and successfully all the activities which the school and the community would need to engage in." He also envisioned a "library of our own.... On the banks of the river, directly opposite Charles Street School, a library, perhaps a Carnegie Library, conducted for the community, operated by the school district." His final improvement would be a playground in the center of the village: "Across Washington Street, in plain view from the windows of the proposed high school building, are many acres of land which have not yet been built upon. It is not waste land; it could not be bought for a song, but it is not more valuable than our children and our youth." The river itself, he continued, provided opportunities for water sports in summer and ice sports in winter. [*Penacook Union School District Annual Report*, 1919: 9-10.]

<sup>7</sup> Randall: 85.

<sup>8</sup> Wells, Hudson & Granger were the architects for Tobey School on the grounds of the State Hospital, and had just completed designing Nashua High School. [*Penacook Union School District Annual Report*, 1936: 7.]

<sup>9</sup> Austral windows have upper and lower sash that are hinged at top and bottom to pivot in opposite directions. They

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classrooms, a library and adjoining study room east of the front entry and an office across from it, teachers' room west of the entry, and a girls' bathroom. Upstairs were an additional two classrooms at the east end of the building; mimeograph, bookkeeping and typewriting rooms along the front, and a large laboratory-classroom in the rear. The basement, or ground floor, held a combined cafeteria and sewing room in the southeast corner, adjacent kitchen, a classroom in the southwest corner and a large mechanics arts room in the back. The boiler room occupied the northeast corner, and heated the adjacent Charles Street School, as well.<sup>10</sup> Though the community desperately wanted a gymnasium, it could not afford the cost during these Depression years, but the building was designed for that future addition. The district also acquired additional land to the east, part of 20 Washington Street and then used as a wood lot, to increase its frontage on Washington Street.

Construction began in early 1936, and a mere 8 ½ months later, the school opened in late September, capable of housing 300 students. Noted contractor H.P. Cummings Construction Company was the builder. At its dedication ceremony, Governor Styles Bridges lauded the new school as an example of maintaining the state's educational standards, despite difficult economic times.<sup>11</sup>

The lack of a gymnasium was keenly felt from the outset, but warrant articles in 1940 and 1941 were defeated, and then the war postponed any consideration of construction. In 1945, a committee was voted to organize fund raising by subscription to defray costs for the addition. Three years later, Alfred T. Granger & Associates presented plans to the district for a \$120,000 addition, but the warrant article asking the towns to fund the difference of that raised thus far was defeated. After the plans were revised and cut down to a \$95,000 project, the project passed. Martel & Sons completed the project for just under \$80,000, leaving about \$15,000 for much needed equipment. The school board used the money to purchase folding bleachers (which along cost \$5,000), 200 steel chairs, 100 steel lockers, back-stops, and cafeteria equipment. Whatever remained was to go toward stage equipment, such as lighting and curtains.<sup>12</sup> To the delight of the students and administration, the combination Auditorium-Gymnasium, appended to the east side of the school, was finished in 1950 in time for commencement. The community quickly embraced the new facility, using it for parties, basketball games and other activities.<sup>13</sup>

Alfred T. Granger & Associates, organized in 1941 as the successor firm to the original architects, specialized in designs for academic buildings. It was responsible for at least two buildings on the University of Vermont, Montpelier, campus, one on the Burlington campus, and buildings and additions at Dartmouth College. The firm also designed elementary, middle and high schools throughout New England in the 1950 and 1960s.<sup>14</sup>

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combined the appearance of the double-hung window with increased ventilation and ease of operation and thus were popular, starting in the 1920s, for schools, libraries and other public buildings. Wells, Hudson & Granger used them on their other local school project, Conant School in the South End, built eight years earlier.

<sup>10</sup> *Penacook Union School District Annual Report, 1935 & 1938; 1935 Architectural Plans.* Initial concerns about placing elementary students in close proximity to high school students proved utterly unfounded.

<sup>11</sup> Randall: 97-100.

<sup>12</sup> *Penacook Union School District Annual Report, 1950:* 13-15, 22-24.

<sup>13</sup> *Penacook High School Yearbooks, 1950:* 57-58; 1954: 57; *Penacook Union School District Annual Report, 1950:* 13-15, 18-25, 1951..

<sup>14</sup> "Granger, Alfred Thompson," 1955: 206; University of Vermont, 2008.

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A second addition, with a cafetorium (to be shared with Charles Street School and to which it was connected via a covered passage) and kitchen, as well as a shop wing with rooms for automobile/metal working, woodworking and mechanical & automobile drawing, came in 1956, also designed by Granger & Associates. With the new rooms, additional space in the 1936 building was freed up for more classrooms. The addition served not only Penacook students, but the growing number of tuition students from Boscawen and Canterbury. It was constructed by David Davison & Company of Manchester for approximately \$100,000 and opened in October.<sup>15</sup>

The building remained Penacook's High School until 1967, when the newly formed Merrimack Valley School District (initially called Merrimack Valley Co-operative School District and which merged the Penacook Union School District with Boscawen, Salisbury, Webster and Loudon) built the existing regional high school on Community Drive. The subject school house then became Merrimack Valley Central School, and later, Washington Street [Elementary] School serving students on the Concord side of Penacook. In the early 2000s, the district erected a new elementary school, replacing this building. The building currently houses the district's Learning Center, as well as CSI Charter School, a public school for older students returning for a high school diploma.

**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

105. Elementary and secondary education, 1770-present.

**43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:**

*NB: Building Description assumes building faces due south*

The Washington Street School is located on the north side of Washington Street, a short distance west of the center of Penacook Village in a residential neighborhood. The building occupies the southwest corner of its .8-acre lot. A small play area and a basketball court are east of the building, near the street; most of the remainder of the lot is lawn.

The building consists of the original school, erected in 1936, and two additions, erected in 1950 and 1956 respectively. The original school is a two-story, rectangular, Colonial Revival structure with a high basement that is fully exposed in the rear and nearly so in front. (The school district considers it three stories and refers to the basement level as the "first floor.") At ground level there is a poured concrete exterior base. The flat roof is sheathed in a rubber membrane. A brick chimney is found right-of-center, and a metal vent to either side. Walls are clad in brick with cast-stone trim, utilized in a molded band that extends around the perimeter at the first story sill level; as a series of flush panels near the top of each wall; for window sills; and decoratively as described below. Windows have replacement vinyl 1/1 sash (with interior applied muntins). (Original window sash was 12/12 astral on the upper two stories and 8/12 in the basement.) They are grouped in pairs on all stories on the façade and rear elevations. Lower story openings have flared brick lintels, while a continuous row of soldier brick runs around the entire building at the top story lintel height.

The focal point of the façade is the classically designed entrance, consisting of a denticulated gable with cornice returns, engaged Tuscan columns and an arched, recessed doorway with paneled jambs. The doors themselves are replacement aluminum (originally double wooden doors with upper lights and panels beneath). Above them is a multi-light transom, also replaced

<sup>15</sup> Penacook Union School District Annual Report, 1955: 27, 1957: 26; 1956 Architectural Plans; Randall: 135-36.

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in vinyl with simulated muntins. The arch contains carved ornament, including a shield with superimposed open book, sunray, banner inscribed "1904" and "1936" and, following the line of the arch, "Penacook High School." A flight of concrete stairs accesses the entrance.

The west elevation has a secondary entrance that leads directly to a flight of stairs. The double doors (also replaced) and transom mirror those on the façade, but the surround is flat, with a molded cornice, curved frieze and suggestion of pilasters. Above it is an arched window opening with a multi-light window and fanlight with curved "muntins"—all replaced in vinyl. The window rests on a wooden panel, part of the original design. A brick soldier course, interrupted by a cast-stone keystone and impost, defines the opening. To either side, the wall lacks openings, but has a large, rectangular panel outlined in a brick soldier course with a cast-stone block at each corner. The east elevation has the same decorative panels. In lieu of an entrance and arched window, there is a vertical row of single, standard windows (now largely obscured by the 1950 addition).

The rear elevation is organized similarly to the façade, though lacking a prominent center entrance. Each of the outer bays initially contained a secondary stair entrance in the basement, one to a flight of stairs and the other to the mechanic arts classroom; the former is hidden behind a later addition, while the latter has been converted to a window (likely in 1956 when mechanic arts moved into the new shop wing, and the room became a classroom).

The 1950 addition, which is attached to the east elevation of the original school, reflects its function as a combination gymnasium and auditorium.<sup>16</sup> It is a high, one-story, concrete-block structure with a stepped down façade that is flush with the façade of the original building, wraps around the southeast corner and is faced in brick. The main entrance consists of three doorways, each framed in a linked surround of wide concrete block. Aluminum doors have replaced the original, which matched those on the 1936 school, but the flanking windows retain original sash. With the exception of the south end, the east elevation is a mostly a solid concrete-block wall. At the north end, the addition again steps down; small windows are found near the top of the wall, and an entrance at the northeast corner.

The 1956 addition, also constructed of concrete block, is one-story in height and connects to the west side of the earlier addition, extending to the west behind the original school. Paired windows are set in slightly recessed niches; as elsewhere on the building, sash is replacement aluminum.

The interior of the original school, which retains a high level of original features, reveals it was functionally designed from the outset; the lack of architectural detail likely reflects its Depression-era construction. The stairwell at the front entrance is narrow and plain. The two staircases that access all floors have wooden handrails, plain metal newel posts, and square metal balusters. Later firewalls enclose the stairwells. Throughout the building, interior walls are unfinished brick. Doors are flush, of stained wood, with nine lights in the upper section. The floor plan is little altered. Classrooms are well lit, have original hardwood floors, plaster walls, chair rail, and simple cornice. Along one end wall, there is a recessed coat area with flanking closets. Blackboards set in wooden frames are mounted on the two other interior walls. Each classroom has an interior doorway to connect to the adjacent room.

<sup>16</sup> The placement of the east staircase in the 1936 school anticipated an eventual addition in this location.

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The interior of the 1950 gymnasium-auditorium continues to reflect its original appearance, although the stage at the north end was removed ca. mid-1990s. The interior of the 1956 addition has undergone more alterations, affecting floor plan and finishes.

**44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:**

Criterion A: The Washington Street School is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A. It is significant for its associations with the history of public education in Concord and as a good example of a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century elementary school erected not only to meet an ever increasing neighborhood population, but to serve the immediate needs of the Concord portion of Penacook to provide a high school. Its relatively austere interior reflects the sparse economic times in which it was constructed and the working class community in which it stood.

Criterion B: The Washington Street School is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion B, as it lacks direct associations with people that have played a notable role in local or state history.

Criterion C: The Washington Street School is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as a strong representative of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century educational architecture. Its original building was designed in the Colonial Revival style; character-defining features include the front entry portico and entry surround, arched window openings, decorative brick panels, and use of cast stone and brick for trim details. Its two additions, both constructed during the 1950s of concrete block and lacking architectural detail beyond the simple entrance to the gymnasium, reflect the functional purpose for which they were built.

**45. Period of Significance:**

A: 1936-1960 (the period during which the school functioned as a school; the end date reflects the 50-year cut-off for the Register

C: 1936, 1950 & 1956 (the year the original building was constructed and the years the two additions were constructed)

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

Despite replacement window sash (which continues the historic muntin pattern through the use of simulated muntins) and doors, the Washington Street School retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

**47. Boundary Discussion:**

The eligible boundary is the entire .8-acre lot that is associated with the Washington Street School.

**48. Bibliography and/or References:**

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**Maps & Plans**

1906 Sanborn Insurance Map

1935 "High School, Penacook, NH." Architectural Plans and Details, Wells, Hudson & Granger, Architects. On file at Merrimack Valley School District Maintenance Facility, 19 Washington Street, Penacook, NH

1949 "Gymnasium Addition, Penacook High School, Penacook, NH." Arthur T. Granger Associates, July 1949. On file at Merrimack Valley School District Maintenance Facility, 19 Washington Street, Penacook, NH

1949 Sanborn Insurance Map

1956 "Alterations and Additions to High School and Gymnasium." Arthur T. Granger Associates, March 1956. On file at Merrimack Valley School District Maintenance Facility, 19 Washington Street, Penacook, NH

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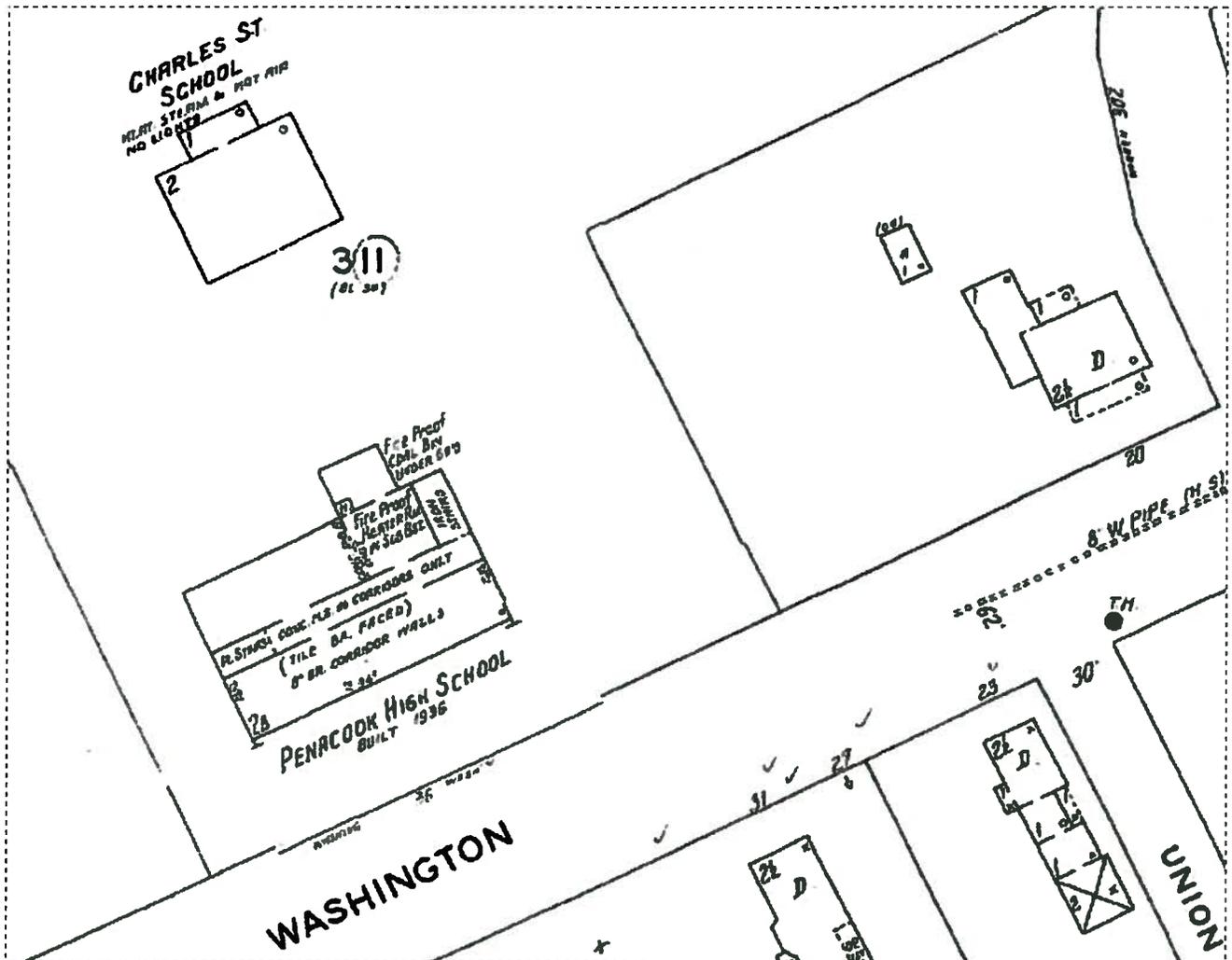
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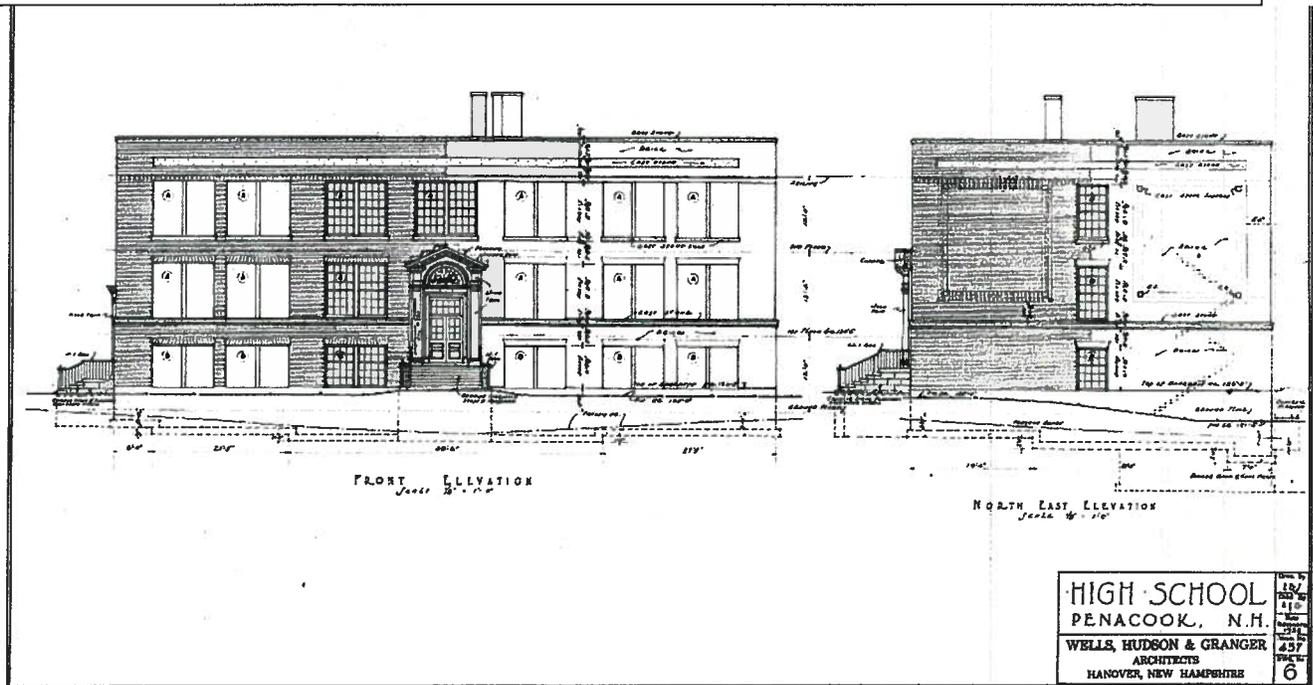
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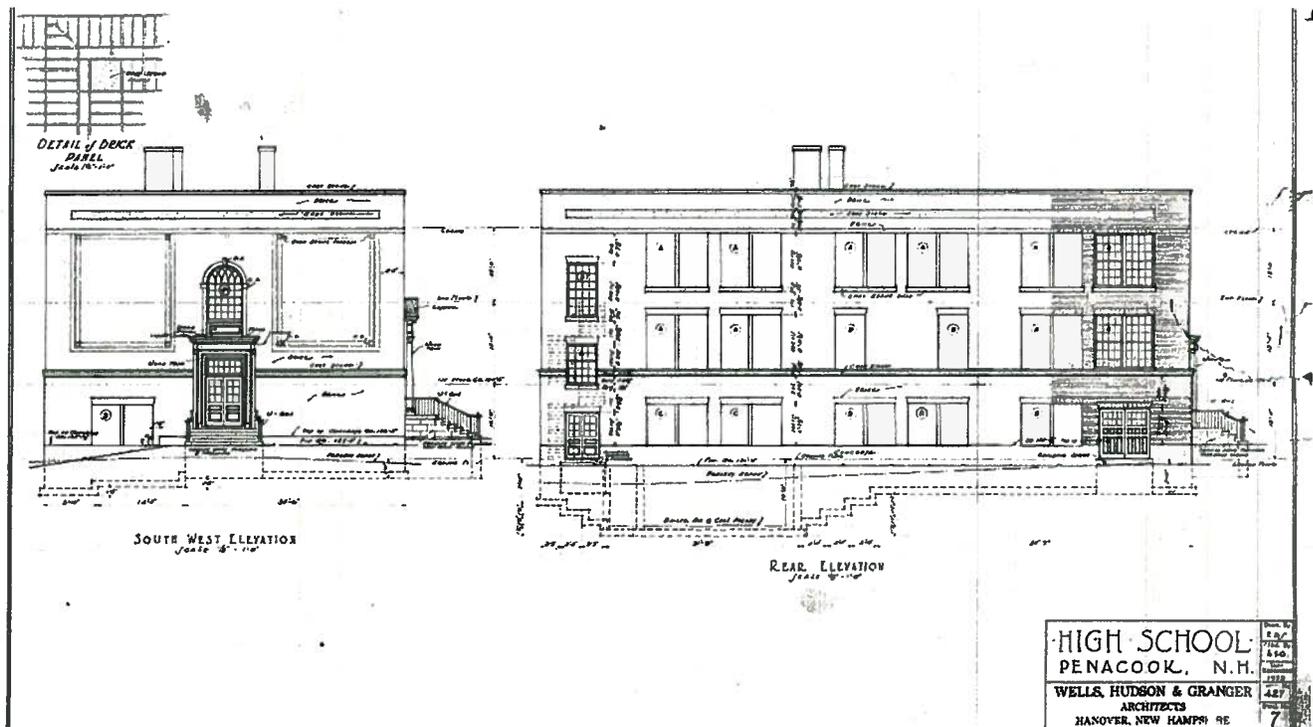
Sanborn Insurance Map (detail), 1928 corrected to 1949, showing the relationship between the older Charles Street School and the new High School (now Washington Street School)

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Front and north elevations (Drawing No. 6).  
 Architectural rendering by Wells, Hudson and Granger, Architects, November, 1935.  
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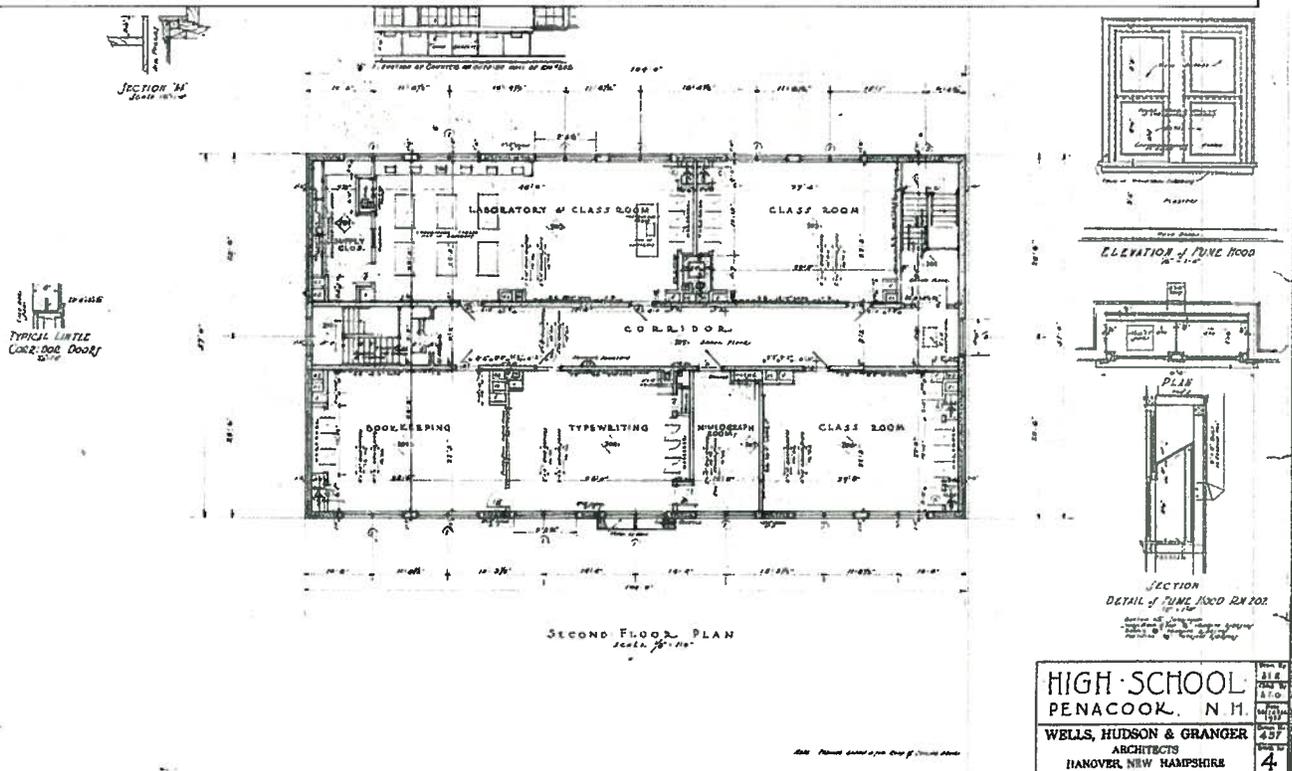


South and rear elevations (Drawing No. 7).  
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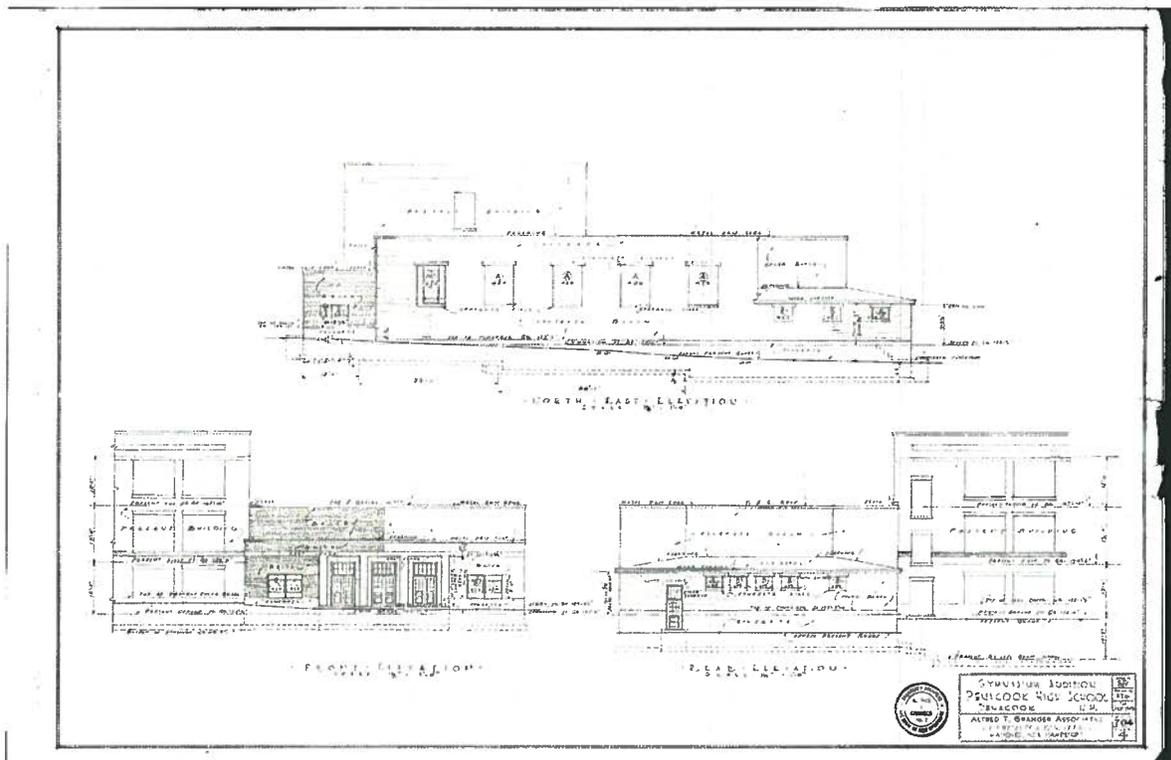


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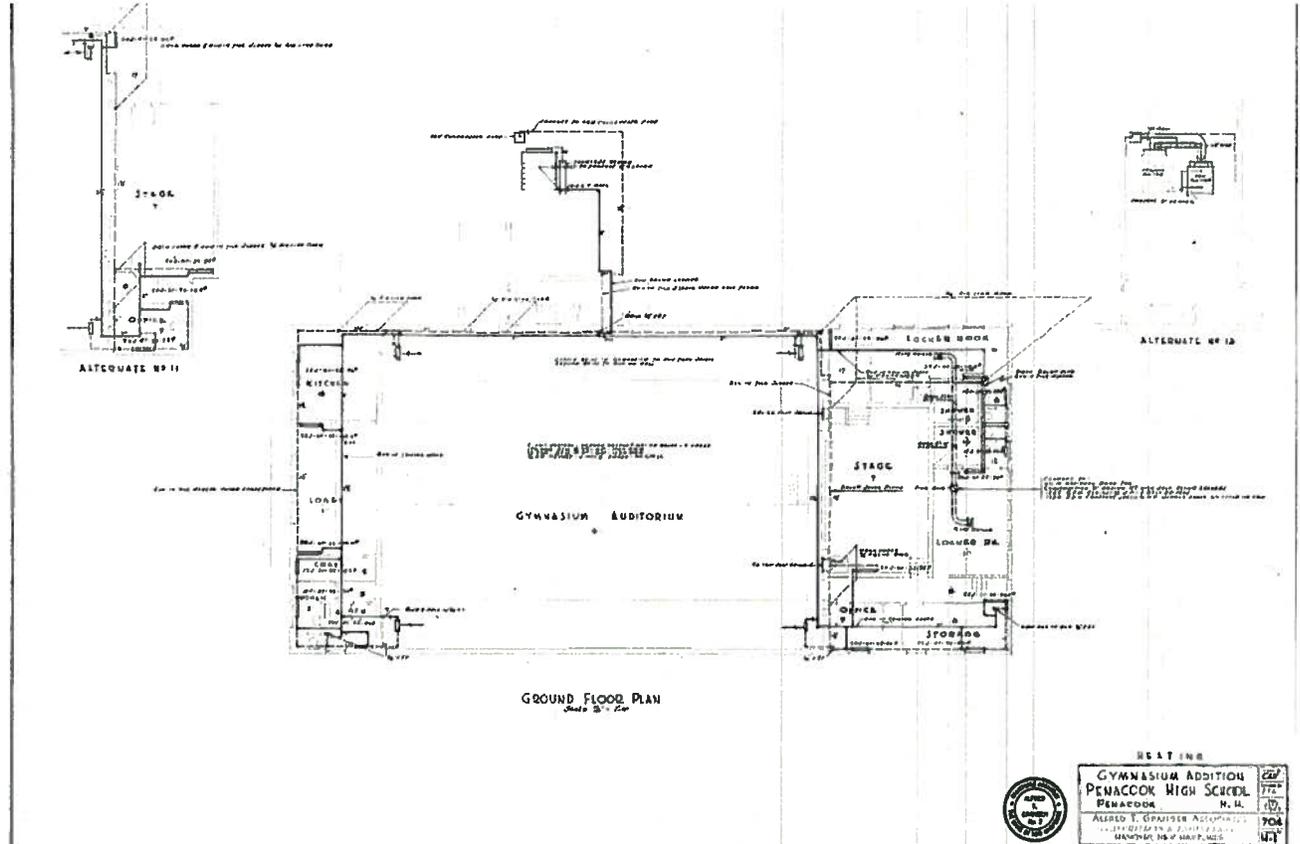
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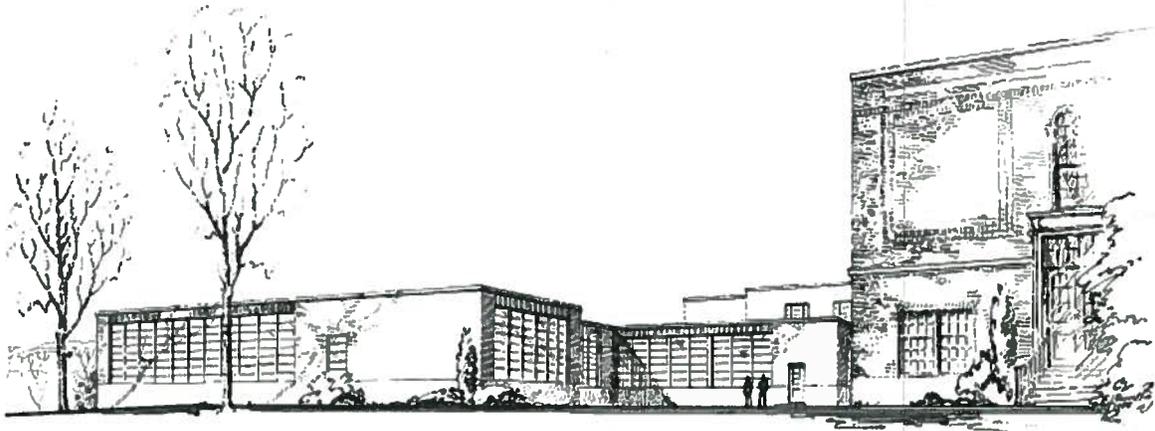
Second floor plan (Drawing No. 4).  
 Architectural rendering by Wells, Hudson and Granger, Architects, November, 1935.  
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Gymnasium Elevations  
 Architectural rendering by Alfred T. Granger Associates, Architects & Engineers, July 1949.  
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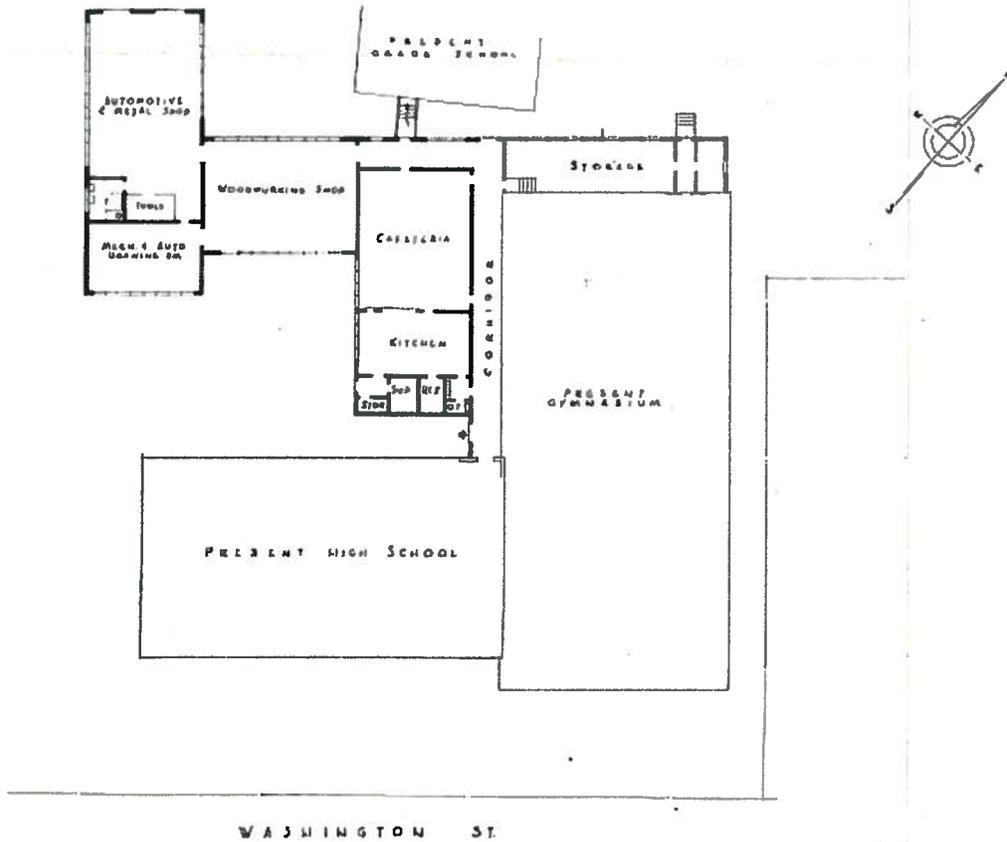


Gymnasium Addition, ground floor plan (Drawing No. H-1).  
Architectural rendering by Alfred T. Granger Associates, Architects & Engineers, July 1949.  
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PROPOSED CAFETERIA & SHOP ADDITION  
PENACOOK HIGH SCHOOL - PENACOOK, N. H.

ALFRED T. GRANGER ASSOCIATES  
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS  
HANOVER, N. H.



"Proposed Cafeteria and Shop Addition"  
Architectural rendering & floor plan by Alfred T. Granger Associates, Architects & Engineers, ca. 1955.  
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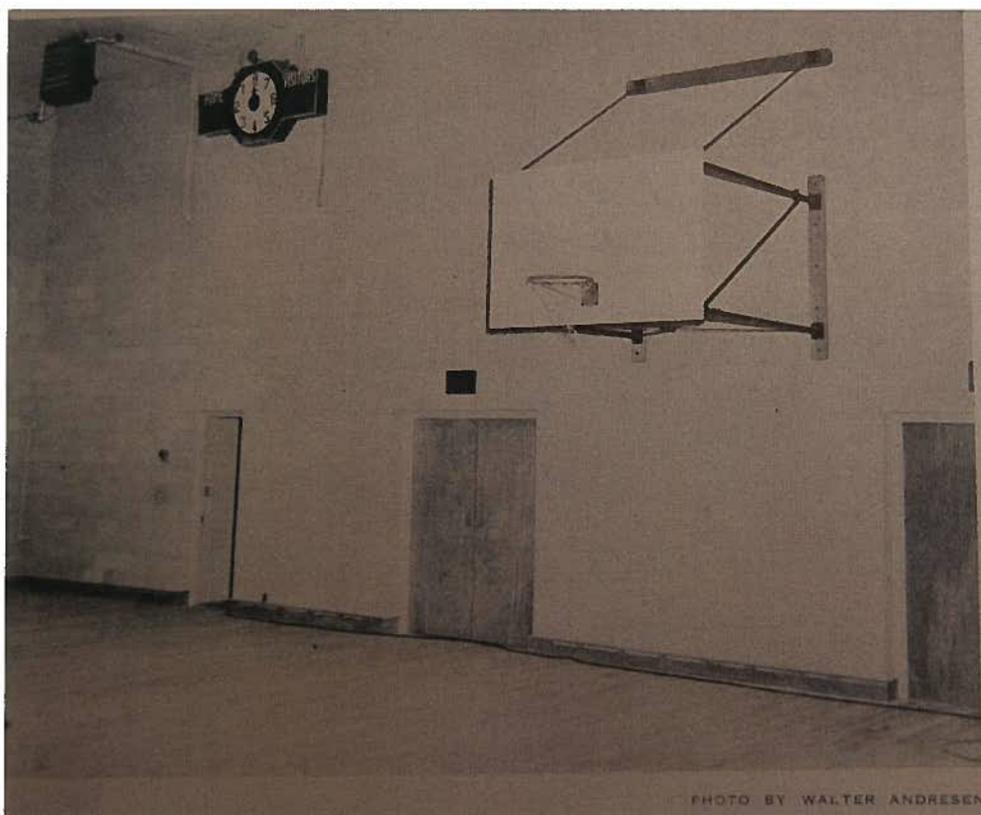
A classroom at Washington Street School, ca. 1945.  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1945.*



The east end of the hallway at Washington Street School, ca. 1945.  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1945.*



The new addition Auditorium-Gymnasium, 1950.  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1950.*



Inside the newly constructed Auditorium-Gymnasium, 1950.  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1950.*

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Undated postcard view of Penacook High School, showing the 1950 addition at right  
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Washington Street School, ca. 1959  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1959.*



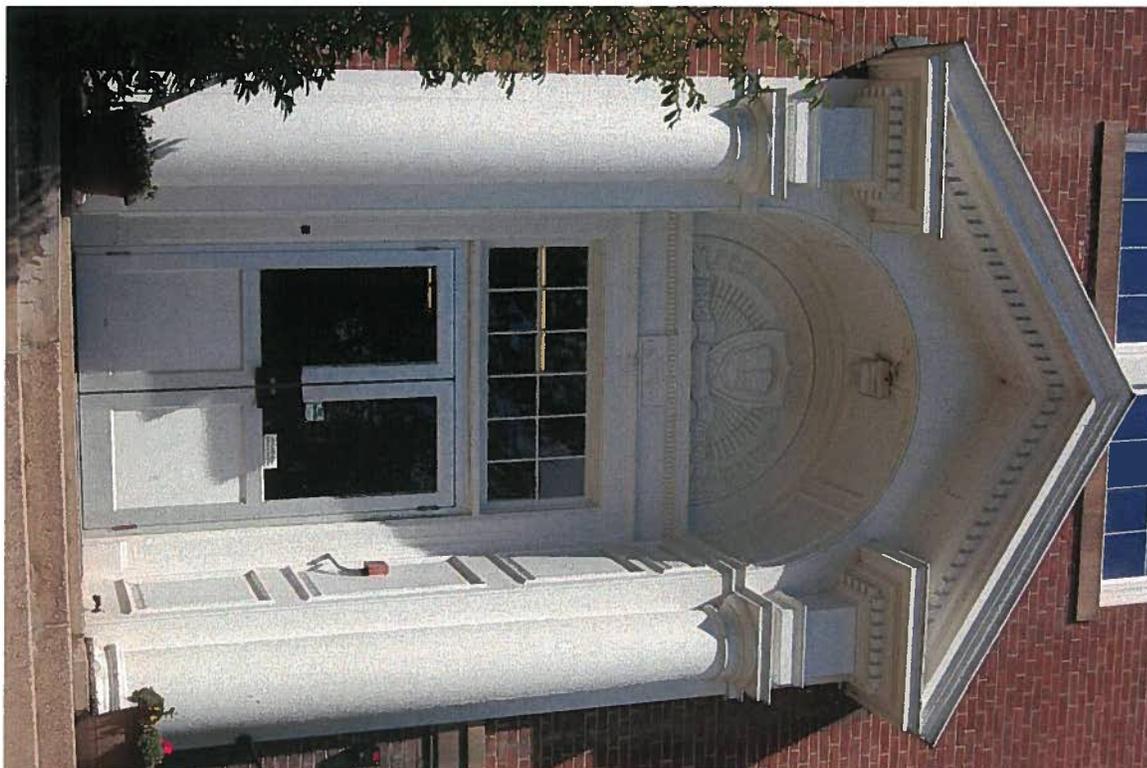
Front entrance to the Washington Street School ca. 1963.  
Note the original 12/12 austral window sash in operation (since replaced).  
*From the Penacook High School Yearbook, 1963.*

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**Photo #2 Description:** Detail of front entrance  
Direction: N



**Photo #3 Description:** Façade (south elevation) of 1950 gymnasium-auditorium addition  
Direction: NE

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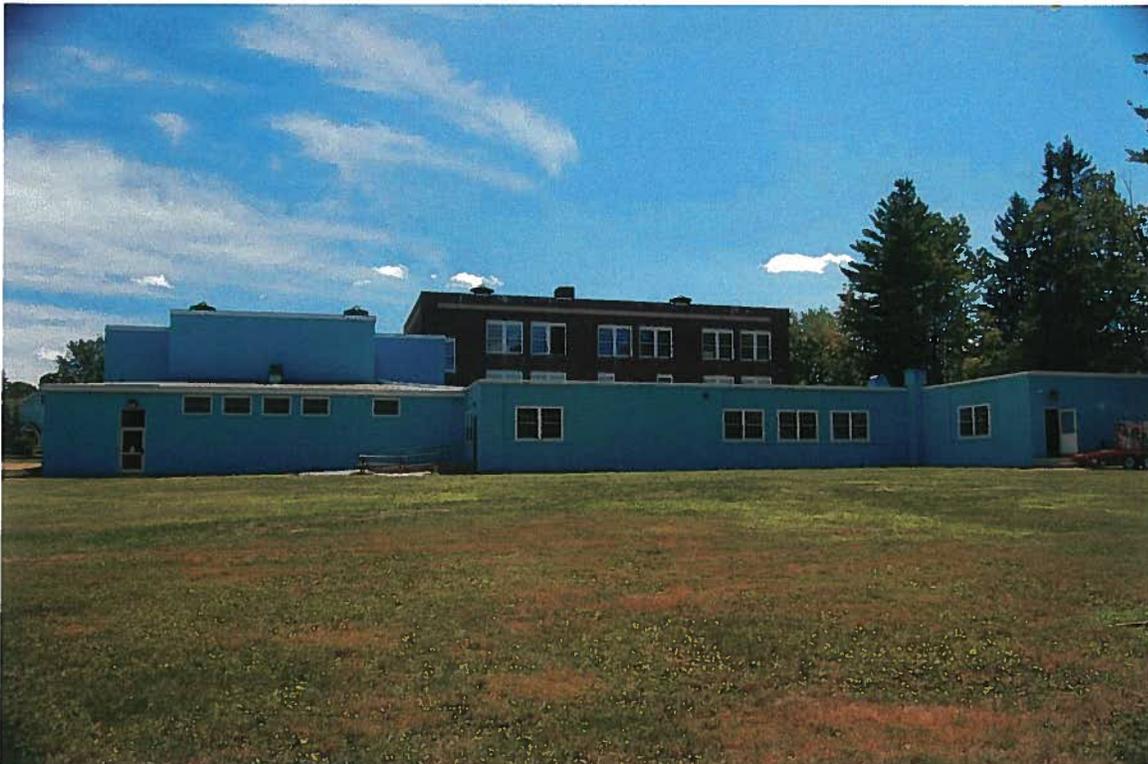
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**Photo #4 Description:** East elevations of original school & 1950 gymnasium-auditorium addition  
**Direction:** NW



**Photo #5 Description:** Rear, showing original school in background, 1950 addition at left & 1956 addition in center & at right  
**Direction:** S

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**Photo #6 Description:** South & west elevations of 1956 addition; taller section in rear is 1950 addition  
**Direction:** E



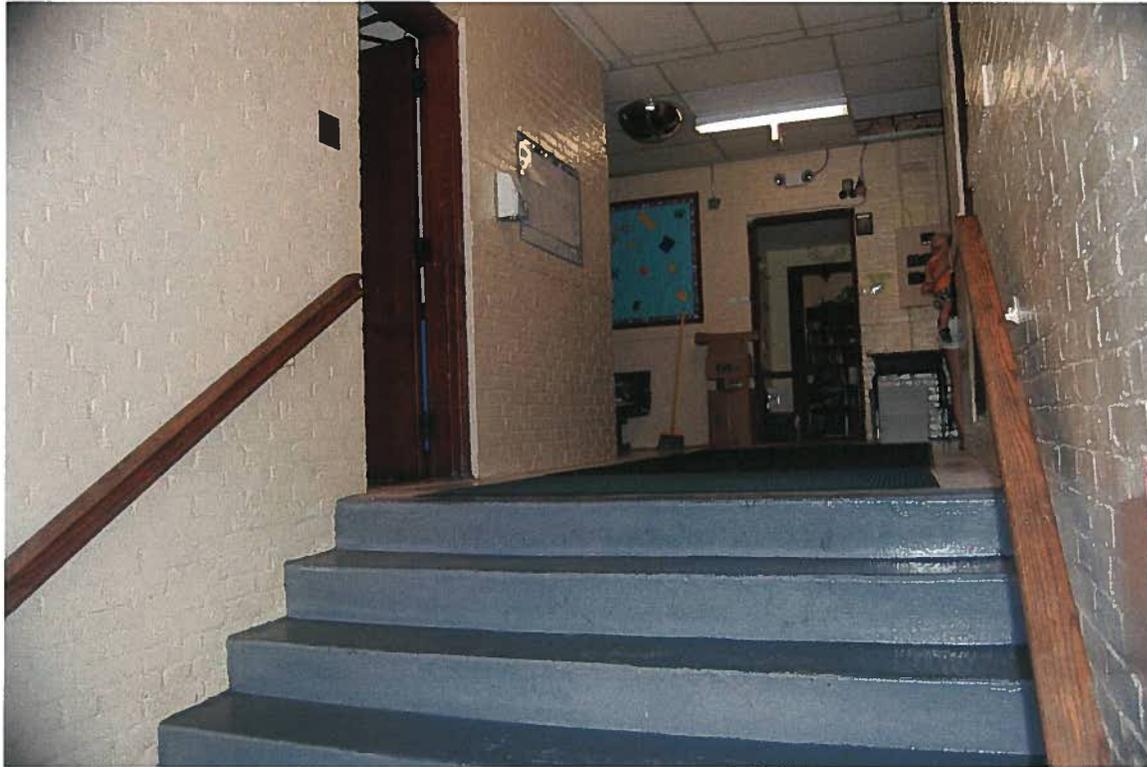
**Photo #7 Description:** Rear (north) and west elevations of original school  
**Direction:** SE

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**Photo #8 Description:** Front entry staircase leading into school  
Direction: N



**Photo #9 Description:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway, showing typical original doors and brick walls  
Direction: W

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**Photo #10** Description: East staircase  
Direction: N



**Photo #11** Description: 1<sup>st</sup> floor, southeast classroom (study room originally), showing original closets, coat alcove & blackboard Direction: E

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**Photo #12** Description: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, southwest classroom (originally for bookkeeping), showing original flooring, coat alcove and blackboards Direction: W



**Photo #13** Description: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, southwest classroom, showing blackboards & pass-through to adjacent classroom Direction: E

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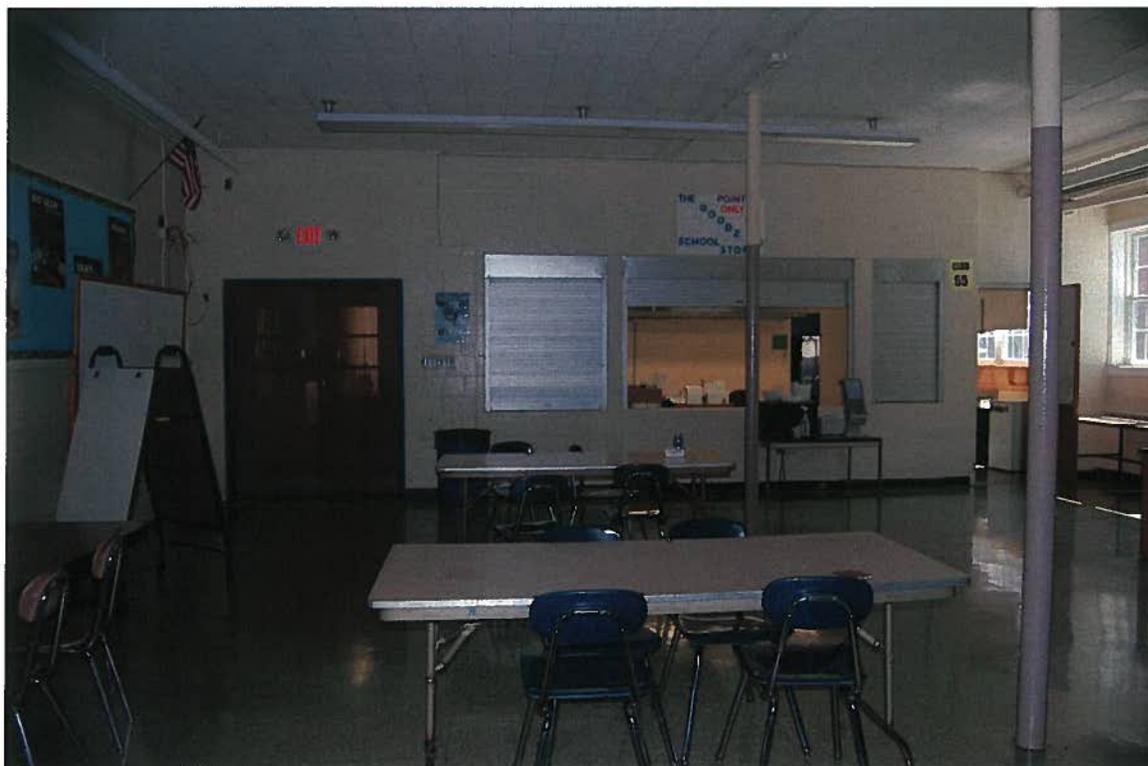
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**Photo #14** Description: Detail of original shelf, bracket & coat hooks

Direction:



**Photo #15** Description: 1956 cafeteria and kitchen beyond

Direction: S

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**Photo #16** Description: 1956 shop wing  
Direction: NW



**Photo #17** Description: Typical doors in 1950s additions  
Direction: