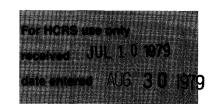
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* Type all entries—complete applicable sections

<u>1. Na</u>	ame				
historic	Lonsdale Public Sch	ool (Rice C	ounty Dis	trict 76)	
and/or com	mon				
2. Lo	cation				
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city, town	Lonsdale		icinity of	congressional district	First
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3. CI	assification				
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city, town	Lonsdale	v	icinity of	state	Minnesota
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courthouse	, registry of deeds, etc.	Rice County	Court Ho	ouse	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Lonsdale Public School sits on the crest of one of the highest of Lonsdale's gently rolling hills. The two story frame building, which rests on a cut limestone foundation, is 26 feet wide and 40 feet deep. From foundation to eave line the building is 24 feet high. An octagonal cupola, which still supports the original bell, is centered on the tin hipped roof. The three bay front facade has a projecting pavilion with broken pediment and oculus. Each of the two sides of the building has three bays. A metal fire chute runs diagonally across the rear of the building. The windows, which are noticeably narrow and tall, give a vertical emphasis to the building, particularly to its front facade. The building is sheathed in narrow clapboard. The eaves are decorated with dentils and modillions.

The interior, although in a state of disrepair, is in its original configuration. Some of the original furnishings remain. The building, which is structurally sound, is in fair condition.

8. Significance

1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture xx_ architecture art commerce communications	-	landscape architectur law literature military music philosophy politics/government	science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation
Specific dates	1908	Builder/Architect	Patrick Sullivan	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lonsdale Public School, constructed in 1908 by Patrick Sullivan, a local carpenter, is significant both for its architecture and for its association with education in Lonsdale. The school is believed to have been designed by Patrick Sullivan. In its rectangular shape and vertical emphasis, it has antecedents in many of the plan book schools of the late nineteenth century. In its decoration, particularly its cupola, it is reminiscent of early American public buildings such as Sir Christopher Wren's William and Mary College. The amalgamation of these elements is unusual in Minnesota.

Although currently vacant, the building was for many years the only school in Lonsdale and consequently played a singular role in the educational life of the town. Local tradition says that the formal character of the buildings' architecture is a reflection of the respect which the community's predominantly Czech citizens had for education. Vigorous efforts to preserve and restore the building by the descendants of these citizens are interpreted as a reflection of a pride in the community's history and in the building itself.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Files of Mrs. Rose Smisek, Lonsdale, MN.

10. Geographical Data
Acreage of nominated property <u>less than 1 acre</u> Quadrangle name <u>Lonsdale</u> , <u>Minn</u> . Quadrangle scale
UMT References
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Verbal boundary description and justification
Lonsdale, Plat #1 of the Southeast quarter of Lot 82, Sec. 26, R112, W22.
List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries
state code county code
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11. Form Prepared By
name/title City Council of Lonsdale (architect William Brodersen, Advisor)
Organization date
street & number telephone
city or town Lonsdale state Minnesota
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
national statexx_ local
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89–665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Regreation Service.
State Historic Preservation Officer signature
Russell W. Fridley
title State Historic Preservation Officer date //5//7
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