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1. NAME: Madison Grade School (historic)  
Worship Center Christian School (contemporary)
2. LOCATION: 45 East Greenwood  
Butte, MT 59701
3. CLASSIFICATION: Category--building  
Ownership--private  
Public Acquisition--N/A  
Status--occupied  
Accessible--no  
Present Use--education, religious
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY: David Christiaens  
2714 Edwards  
Butte, MT 59701
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Clerk and Recorder's Office  
Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse  
Butte, MT 59701
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Suburban Grade Schools of Butte
7. DESCRIPTION: Condition--good; altered; original site

The Madison Grade School is a one-story, polychromated brick-veneer Collegiate Gothic style structure with a concrete foundation and a slate roof of intersecting gables. The main east/west gable faces the street and three north/south gables project from the main gable. The south facade contains the main entry in the central gable end. Two 4-light doors set in a recessed entry which is surrounded by white terra cotta with a circular detailing. Above the doors is the name of the school, "Family Worship Center" which covers the original "Madison School" and four 4/4 double-hung windows. The upper half of the windows has been covered with wood. Flanking the entry on either side are two 4/4 double-hung windows set in white terra cotta. Wood covers the upper half of the windows. A simple cartouche containing the letters "AD" separates the west set of windows. The upper eastern set of windows has been converted into a fire escape with metal stairs ascending from a fire door. The lower east window has boards covering the upper 4-light windows. Above the terra cotta entry is a small 6-light window (the upper half covered with wood) trimmed with white terra cotta. In the upper portion of the gable end are three bands of white terra cotta which also caps the gable. Flanking the gable end are two mock towers with white crenelated parapets of white terra cotta. The south facade contains 10/10 double-hung windows in a set of six and two 8/8 double-hung windows all with white terra cotta trim on either side of the main entry. All the windows have their top halves covered with wood. Four 4-light windows with terra cotta detailing exist on either side of the entry. A white terra cotta band extends across the south facade below the windows and around the entire original building. The east and west gable ends have mock towers with terra cotta crenelated parapets, three terra cotta bands, a terra cotta cap and rectangular vent. A rectangular brick design with white terra cotta corners which have a circular detail characterize both gable ends. The east and west original extensions have two sets of three 10/10 double-hung windows surrounded by white terra cotta trim. Upper portions of the windows have been covered. West windows have been entirely covered with wood. A mock tower with a crenelated parapet and 4/4 window and a terra cotta-caped gable end characterize the east and

west sides of the building. Two chimneys arise from the original structure. The tallest chimney has two terra cotta bands and a concrete cap. The east chimney is larger and not as tall. It has a terra cotta crenelated top, two terra cotta bands and large vent holes on all sides.

In 1955, an extension was built onto the rear of the 1917 structure. The three original gable ends with their terra cotta trim can be seen above the one-story, brick veneered, flat, irregularly-roofed addition. Rows of eight windows on the east and west have been entirely covered with wood. The rear has two slightly-recessed entries.

The original 1917 portion of this structure has undergone relatively few alterations. Although wood covers the upper portions of the windows, this is a reversible alteration and does not destroy the historic windows as the original sash exists underneath the wood. The rear additions are not totally compatible with the original structure since they do not replicate the original plan or roof line. However, the additions are not clearly visible when viewing the front of the school. Therefore, the additions compromise somewhat the original integrity of the building but the school retains its majority of integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

#### 8. SIGNIFICANCE:

Areas of Significance--architecture, suburban development

Specific dates: 1917

Architect: Wellington Smith

The Madison Grade School's significance is both historical and architectural because it represents Butte's suburban development and is a good example of the Collegiate Gothic style.

The first Madison School, constructed in 1896 to educate area children, sat near the old Butte Reduction Works on South Montana Street in the Boulevard Addition. The three-room building had no modern plumbing and about 135 students relied on outhouses. Stoves in each room comprised the heating system. On March 27, 1914, the Butte Miner carried a presentation by H. Lowndes Maury, Trustee for the Butte Schools, who deplored the condition of certain schools, among them the Madison.

Because of the Madison School's inadequacies (and possibly because the school sustained fire damage), the Boulevard and Montana Avenue Additions were neighborhoods which received a new school building in 1917. Designed by Wellington Smith, the structure, also called the Madison, cost \$30,000 to build.

The Madison School clearly exemplifies the Collegiate Gothic style, part of the Gothic Revival which was often promoted for an appropriate style in suburbs. Architects used Collegiate Gothic for public buildings such as schools, influencing such campuses as Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania. The Madison's gable roofs, crenelated towers flanking a central entrance and contrasting

brick and white terra cotta characterize the building as Collegiate Gothic.

- 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES: See section 9 of cover form
  - 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA: Acreage--less than one acre(.76 acres)  
    Quadrangle--Butte South  
    Quad Scale--1:62,500  
    UTM References--12/ 381120/5093850
- BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 13-24, Block 10 of Montana Avenue Addition,  
Butte-Silver Bow, Montana

T3N;R7W; NE 1/4 section 30

