

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 02001228

Date Listed: October 24, 2002

Property Name: Leeds Junior High School

County: Woodbury

State: Iowa

Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change  
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for*   
Signature of the Keeper

October 24, 2002  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Statement of Significance

The reference to the "WPA" (Works Progress Administration) on p. 2 of the narrative statement of significance is hereby changed to "PWA," to reflect the fact that funding for construction of the school was provided in part by the Public Works Administration.

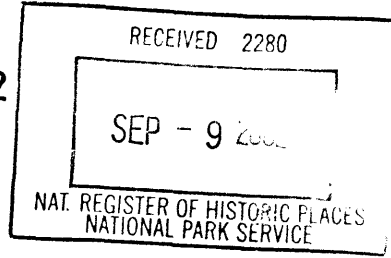
The Iowa State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Leeds Junior High School

other names/site number

**2. Location**

street & number 3919 Jefferson Street

not for publication N/A

city or town Sioux City

vicinity N/A

state Iowa code IA county Woodbury

code 193 zip code 51108

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally statewide

X locally.

( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Rowell J. Lorke  
Signature of certifying official

August 28, 2002  
Date

**STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA**

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

*Daniel J. Vivian 10/24/02*

- entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

*for* \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

- Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply.)
- private
  - public-local
  - public-State
  - public-Federal

- Category of Property**  
(Check only one box.)
- building(s)
  - district
  - site
  - structure
  - object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:   0  

Name of related multiple property listing (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing):

Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change, 1848-1966

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Cat: EDUCATION Sub: School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Cat: EDUCATION Sub: School

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions):

Cat: MODERN MOVEMENTS Sub: Art Deco

Materials (enter categories from instructions):

foundation CONCRETE

roof ASPHALT

walls BRICK

other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B removed from its original location
- C a birthplace or a grave
- D a cemetery
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

**Areas of Significance** (enter categories from instructions):

EDUCATION  
ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1939-1952

**Significant Dates**

1939

**Significant Person** (complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property: 2 Acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>14</u>	<u>223426.759</u>	<u>4714756.076</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title Camilla Deiber, Architectural Historianorganization The Louis Berger Group, Inc. date 7/10/02street & number 950 50<sup>th</sup> Street telephone 319-373-3043city or town Marion state Iowa zip code 52302

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**Additional Documentation**

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(Submit the following items with the completed form.)

**Continuation Sheets****Maps:** A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs:** Representative black and white photographs of the property.**Additional items** (check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Sioux City Community School District, Superintendent Larry D. Williamsstreet & number 1221 Pierce Street telephone 712-279-6690city or town Sioux City state Iowa zip code 51105

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### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Leeds Junior-Senior High School, built in 1939, is a two-story brick building constructed with PWA funds. The interior and exterior of the school are relatively intact with original windows, floor plan configuration, and finishes such as doorways and storage cabinets.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Leeds Junior Senior High School is located at 3919 Jefferson Street in Sioux City, Iowa. The school building and surrounding playground and track occupies an entire city block. The school faces east with playgrounds immediately behind it to the west. The playground equipment includes a basketball hoop, a sandbox and a slide, all of which are less than 50 years of age. A small parking lot is situated to the north of the building.

The school building, built in 1939, is a rectangular two-story, brick structure with a one-story L-shaped wing on its southwest corner. The main façade has seven bays, the central of which contains the main entrance. The north and south façades each have five bays. The walls are constructed of buff colored brick with a water table of dark red brick. Corbelled soldier courses above each floor create thin horizontal bands on all of the façades. The entrance bay protrudes slightly from the main elevation and is emphasized by a large limestone architrave and two brick pilasters with decorative corbelling. The upper story of the entrance bay has a set of multi-pane windows with a band of corbelled brick. The words, "Leeds High School", are inscribed into limestone above the windows.

The rear (west) façade of the building is adorned only with a band of soldier brick corbelling above the second story. All of the windows in the school appear to be the original 9/6 wood sash.

### INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT

The school has a U-shaped hallway with an auditorium/gymnasium located in the center. Classrooms are located on the outside walls of the structure. The hallways have terrazzo floors, stucco walls, and small niches for fire extinguishes. Classrooms generally have oak doors with multi-pane windows, asphalt tile floors and 9/6 wood sash windows with brick sills. Some classrooms, such as the science room, have retained original wood cabinets and built-in bookshelves.

The auditorium and gymnasium are combined, with the auditorium stage and seating on either side of the gymnasium floor. The lower third of the walls are yellow glazed tile. The stage has a simple rectangular proscenium with large brick and stucco pilasters on either side.



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### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Leeds Junior High School is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of secondary education in Sioux City and is locally significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of an Art Deco style school building. Evaluation of the Leeds Junior High School for National Register eligibility is based upon criteria outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form *Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change, 1848-1966* (Beedle and Deiber 2002) under the property type "City School." Leeds was the third secondary-level school to be built in Sioux City. The school has a high degree of integrity retaining its original exterior and interior floor plan and finishes. The property is a junior high school type of educational structure and possesses all of the registration requirements for that type including an auditorium and gymnasium, which are combined unlike the typical larger junior high school.

### RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### *Secondary Education in Sioux City*

A high school education was offered in Sioux City as early as 1869, when a four-year curriculum was offered and a high school principal was employed by the district. However, it was not until 1875 that the first high school class, which consisted of four girls, graduated. The first high school classes were held in rented rooms in the Casady Building, located downtown at the corner Fourth and Virginia Streets.

By 1870, Central High School was built to house both grammar and high school grades. As enrollment increased at both the primary and secondary level, the high school grades were moved to a variety of buildings including the Old Bank Building (corner of Weare and Allison), and the Grammar School, a frame building at Eighth and Pierce Streets that was sold in 1882 and replaced with a brick structure.

In 1890, the various schools in Sioux City had become so overcrowded that a new building was built to house the high school grades only--the first of high school in the city. The twelve hundred block of Nebraska Street was chosen as the site for the new building. The house that occupied the block, the Follett house, was acquired, moved to the thirteen hundred block of Nebraska Street, and remodeled as a temporary schoolhouse to be used during construction. The new high school building, a Romanesque Revival structure, was completed in 1893.

Enrollment in the Sioux City school system increased rapidly in the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century--a 60% increase in the 1910s, a 55% increase in the 1920s, and a 70% increase in the 1930s. In 1914, an addition was constructed onto the High School in order to accommodate the growing numbers of students. All students in Sioux City attended the High School, also known as the "Castle on the Hill", until 1926 when East High School was completed.

The Leeds Junior-Senior High School was financed with both WPA funds and a local bond issue and built in 1939 in the neighborhood of Leeds, located northeast of Sioux City. The school was built to lessen the distance that students on the northeast side of Sioux City had to travel to attend school. The building was relatively small for a high school. Enrollment at Leeds peaked in 1942 with 402 students (Roberts 1954: 65-69).

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Roberts, H. C.

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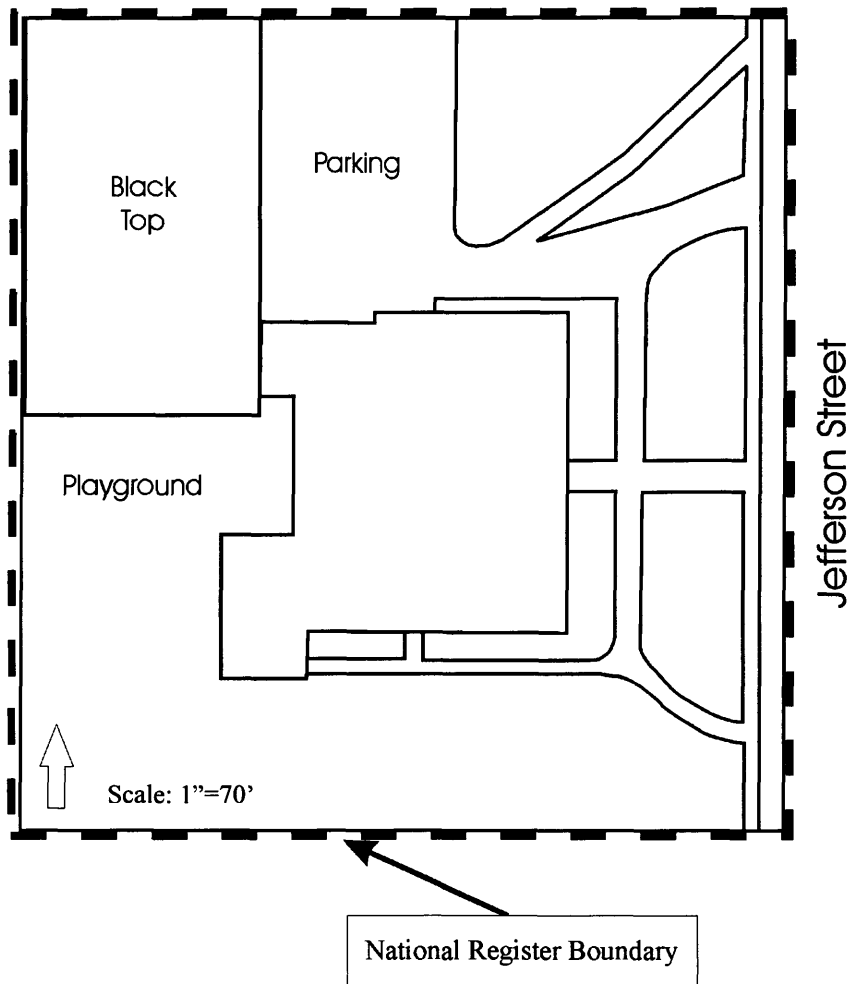
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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary for Leeds Junior High School is depicted on the following figure.



**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes Leeds Junior High School.

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The following items apply to all photographs:

Property Name: Leeds Junior-Senior High School

Location: Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa

Photographer: Camilla R. Deiber

Date of Photographs: 2001

Location of Negatives: The State Historical Society of Iowa, Community Programs Bureau, Des Moines, Iowa

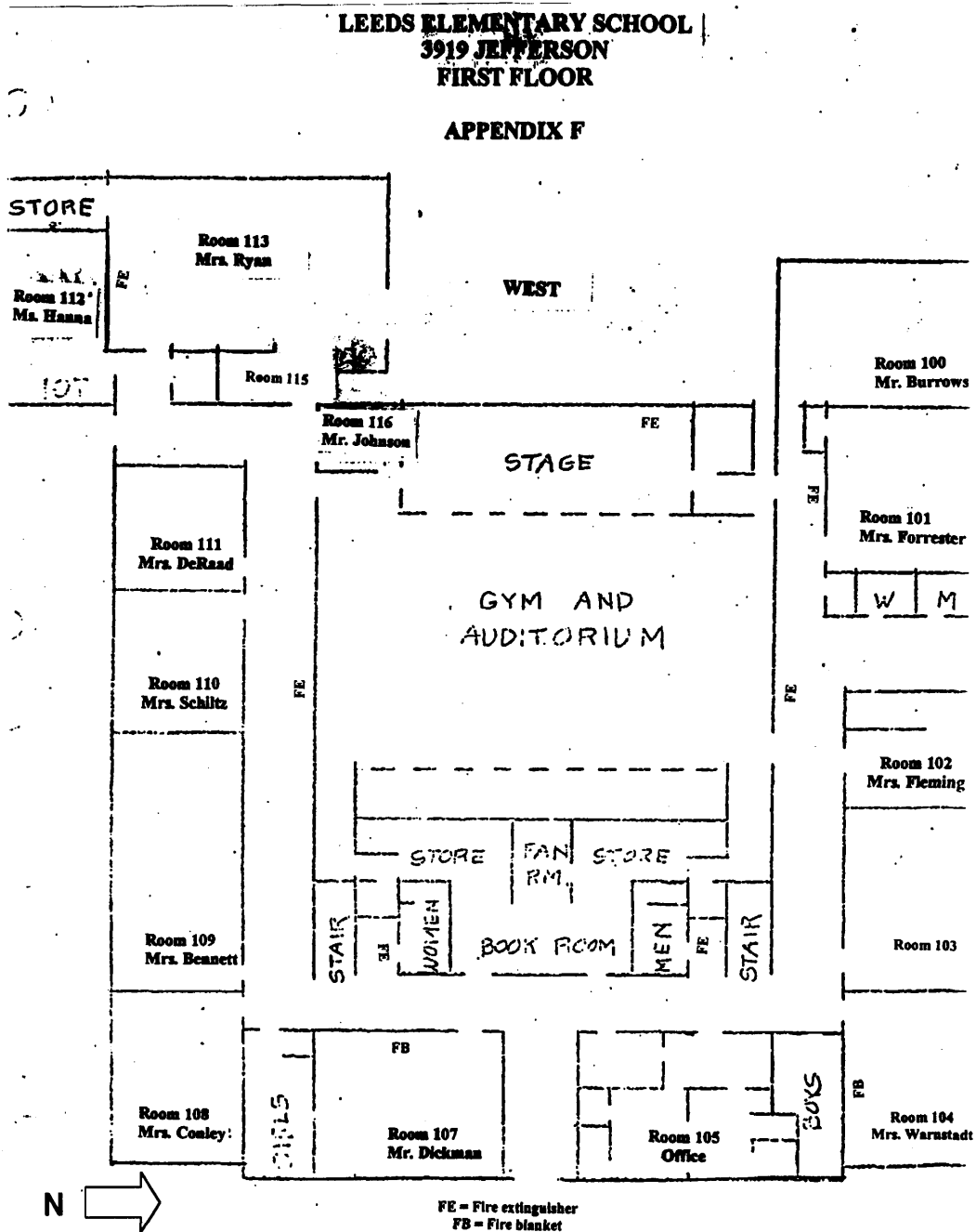
**Individual Photograph Identifications:**

1. Overall view, looking northwest
2. View of main entrance, looking west
3. Overall view, looking east by southeast
4. Detail view of plaque in hallway.
5. Doorway and niche in first floor hallway, looking northwest
6. Water fountain in gymnasium/auditorium, looking northeast
7. Bleachers in gymnasium/auditorium, looking southeast
8. Stage in gymnasium/auditorium, looking southwest
9. Second floor hallway, looking south
10. Science classroom, looking east by northeast

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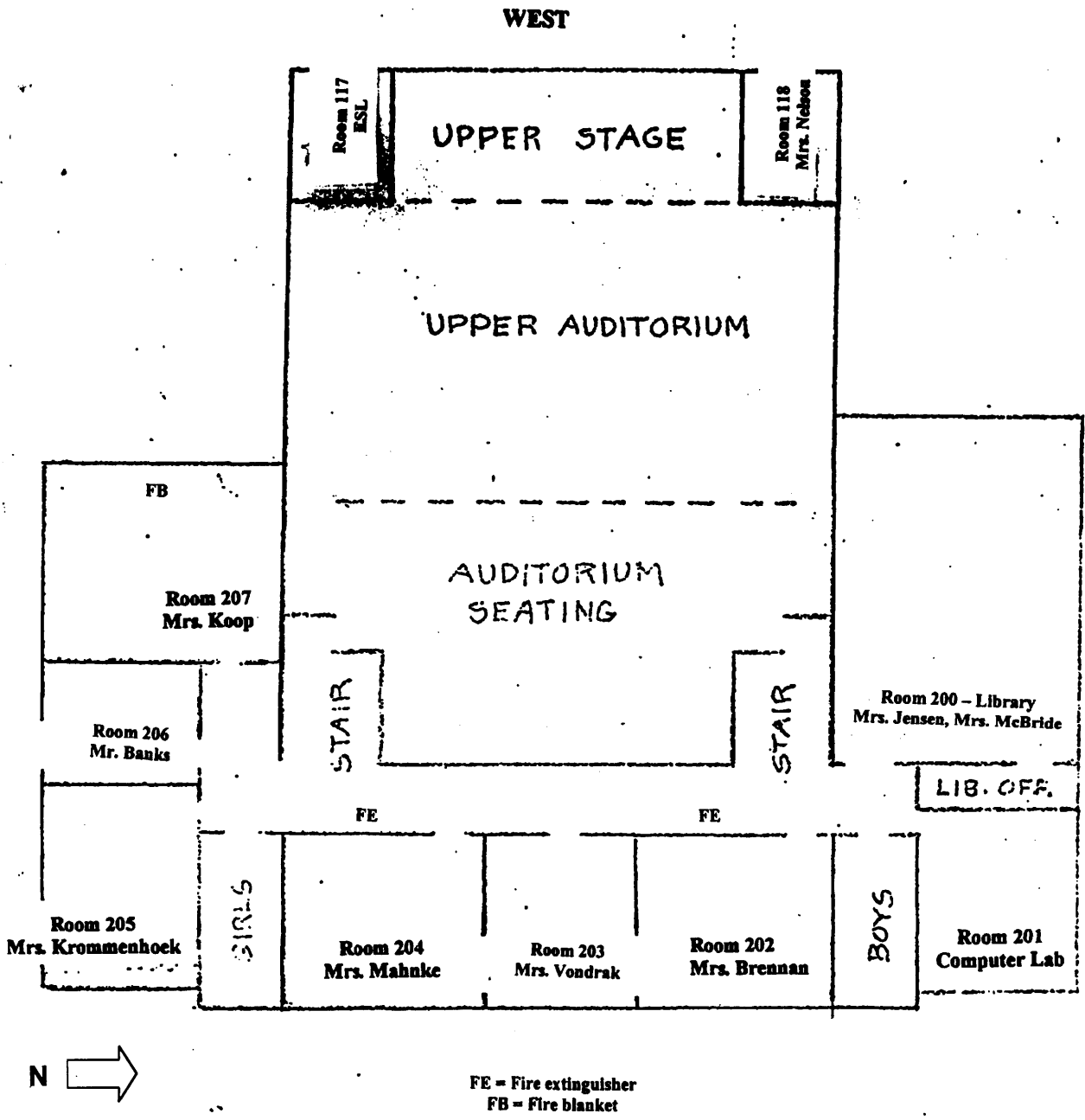


Main Office, Leeds Elementary School, Sioux City, Iowa. December 2002. (Drawing not to Scale)

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Main Office, Leeds Elementary School, Sioux City, Iowa. December 2002. (Drawing not to Scale)