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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lincoln School

AND/OR COMMON

Erie Town Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

645 Holbrook St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Erie

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Weld

CODE

X

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Erie

STREET & NUMBER

Post Office Box 98

CITY, TOWN

Erie

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Weld County Clerk and Recorders Office

STREET & NUMBER

Centennial Building

CITY, TOWN

Greeley

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society; 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lincoln School is an irregular structure built in 1906 on a hill overlooking Coal Creek. The two-story building is constructed of local red sandstone and brick. A cupola tower, containing the original school bell, is located at the south entrance facade. The south facade has 7 bays, the west 13, the east 11, and the north 1. The roof is a bellcast hip. There are two chimneys, both offset to the east, one plain and one with a linked top.

The details of the building give the structure its characteristic early twentieth century appearance. The foundation consists of massive blocks of local red sandstone supporting the upper two stories made of brick laid in a common bond. Red sandstone forms the lugsills on the first and second story windows. Radiating voussoirs with a carved keystone and jamb quoins are found on the more recent main entrance which was created by an addition to the north side of the building in 1920. The basement windows are set in blocks of red sandstone. All of the windows are double hung sash windows. The roof eave is a plain boxed cornice with a plain frieze.

The interior is spacious and airy. The entry stairs lead up to a wide entry hall. At the end of the entry hall is a set of stairs which connects to the basement and second story. On the first floor, the town of Erie has offices for the Town Council, the Town Clerk, the Court, the Police Department, and the Town Library. The second floor and basement are currently vacant, but can be developed for further use by the community. There is an exterior fire escape on the east side of the building, from the second story to the ground level. The original coal boiler for the building is located in the basement, and is still in operation although it has been converted to gas.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1906, 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lincoln School is significant for its role in public education in Erie and for its architectural features which reflect the characteristic elements of early twentieth century schools. The structure is also a local landmark and is the major significant public structure in an area important to the history of Colorado coal mining.

The town of Erie was incorporated in 1874, and grew as a result of the local coal mining industry. School was first held in Erie in the 1870's in the first Town Hall building and in a house nearby. The first structure built specifically to serve school needs in Erie, Lincoln School, was a four room frame building constructed in 1881 on the site of the present school. When the number of students outgrew this building, it was moved from the site so that a new, larger school could be built. The new Lincoln School, the subject of this nomination, was completed in 1906 and attendance started in 1907. The building capacity was enlarged in 1920 with the addition of four rooms built on the north side of the building. The building served all twelve grades until 1929 when grades 7-12 moved to the new high school built a few blocks away. In 1930, due to the peak of the coal industry, Erie was one of the largest and most prosperous towns in Weld County. The population was just over one thousand, but with a new high school and a large elementary school, the town was noted for its splendidly equipped public school system. In 1966, after fifty-four years as a school, the Lincoln School building was abandoned for the new Erie Elementary School and given to the Town by the school district for community uses.

The architecture of the Lincoln School reflects the typical features of schools built in the early twentieth century denoted by the height, the massing, the red brick, and the classical elements. In addition to being a local landmark, the building is one of the few distinctive examples of such a school remaining in this area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- "Erie: A Study of Town Hall" by Center for Community Development and Design, College of Environmental Design, University of Colorado at Denver, Spring 1978
- "Erie: Yesterday and Today" by the sociology and history classes of Erie High School, Mrs. Karen Adelfang, Advisor, 1974
- "Colorado Coal Strike of 1927-28" Harry Lawson, Thesis 1950

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.03 acres
 QUADRANGLE NAME Erie, Colorado QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,3	4,9,5,7,8,0	4,4,3,3,1,8,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 Block 23, Lots 21-32
 Town of Erie
 Weld County, Colorado

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
Alima Silverman

ORGANIZATION
Midyette Associates

STREET & NUMBER
1730 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN
Boulder

DATE
11/13/80

TELEPHONE
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STATE
Colorado

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Luther C. Jensen* DATE June 12, 1981

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Arlman DATE 7/22/81
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: _____ DATE _____
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION