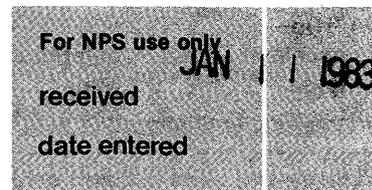


**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**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 Endion School

and/or common Endion School

2. Location

street & number 1801 East First Street N/A not for publication

city, town Duluth N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Endion Partnership Attention: Robert C. Maki

street & number 700 Providence Building

city, town Duluth N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Courthouse

street & number 5th Avenue West and First Street

city, town Duluth state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal N/A state N/A county N/A local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society, Ft. Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on a steeply sloping site at the corner of Eighteenth Avenue and East Superior Street, the Endion School is a three story brick and stone structure executed in the Richardsonian Romanesque mode. Due to the slope of the site and the complex roof lines accentuated with dormers and finials, the school forms a highly visible and imposing element on the neighborhood streetscape.

Endion School was constructed in 1890 according to designs by Duluth architect A.F. Rudolph. Rudolph employed an innovative plan in which the corners of two squares were superimposed to form a pinwheel room arrangement with a square central stairhall for circulation. In this method, each floor is composed of six classrooms with ancillary storage and office space allowing windows on two walls of each classroom. The main staircase is contained within a polygonal tower situated at the intersection of the two squares. Classroom space occupies the two main stories and basement; the vast attic is unfinished.

Architectural and ornamental detailing distinguishes Endion School from its surviving turn of the century contemporaries. The body of the school is constructed of a dark red brick with highlights created through rusticated red-brown sandstone banding, sills and lintels, finials and copings, lunettes and coursed ashlar basement. Decorative brick corbells and checker-board patterns are employed in the gables and cornices. The principal entrance at the base of the tower is comprised of three semi-circular arches set upon low polished granite columns and is reached via a radiating, three-directional stairway. The spandrel panels between the second and third story of the tower have intricately carved circular motifs. The tower originally had an open belfry with octagonal roof, however, this has been removed. With this exception, the exterior of the school retains total exterior integrity. The interior, similarly retains original woodwork, hardware, floors, and sash. In 1950, a modern two story annex was constructed to the north of the original building; it is linked to the original building by a one story frame breezeway which permits view of all four facades of the Richardsonian structure.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1890 **Builder/Architect** Adolph F. Rudolph

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed in 1890, Endion School is significant as the finest extant example of late Victorian educational structures in Duluth's residential neighborhoods. The building occupies a prominent site, accentuated by a steep slope and soaring rooflines. With the exception of the loss of the open belfry at the top of the tower, the school retains total design integrity. It is noted for its innovative floorplan of superimposed squares developed by Duluth architect A.F. Rudolph. Endion School served the educational needs of east-side community from 1890 well into the 1970s when it was closed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

None

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle name Duluth Quad. Minn.-St. Louis Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

1	5	5	7	0	4	4	0	5	1	8	3	7	2	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Endion Division, Block 67. All of lots 1-5 + Lot 6 except easterly 1/2.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles W. Nelson, Historical Architect

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date September, 1982

street & number Fort Snelling History Center

telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

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

Russell W. Fridley

title Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12/27/82

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 2/10/83

J. Melores Dyers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration