



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

December 6, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of The Industrial School for Girls, 232 Centre Street, Dorchester, MA, as a Landmark.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on November 28, 2023 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on December 4, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (January 5, 2024), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Geourntas".

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Rosanne Foley, Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



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RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #247.12, the Industrial School for
Girls, 232 Centre St., Dorchester , MA 02124

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: The Industrial School for Girls, 232 Centre Street, Dorchester (Boston),
MA.

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section entitled: "8.0 Standards and Criteria," included in
the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 11/28/2023

Attest:


(Secretary to the Commission)

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

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(Date)

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Date approved: 12/4/2023

Signature: 

(Mayor)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

(Date)

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date approved: _____

Signature: _____

(City Clerk)

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PROPERTY: The Industrial School for Girls, 232 Centre Street, Dorchester (Boston), MA.

VOTED: That on November 28, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Industrial School for Girls at 232 Centre Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

John Amodeo
David Berarducci
Jeffrey Gonyeau

Sue Gogonian
Richard Henderson
Kirsten Hoffman

Justine Orlando
Lynn Smiledge
Bradford C. Walker

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

The Industrial School for Girls (built 1858-1859) is an early, rare, and important representation of the industrial school movement in Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and perhaps in New England. The property is associated with the progressive reform movements of the 19th and early 20th centuries, which sought to address the inequities of industrialization, immigration, and urbanization through new models of education. It also vibrantly represents cultural ideals of middle-class domesticity and women's roles in American society. In addition, the Industrial School for Girls is significant as an early example of 19th-century institutional architecture in the New England region. It is distinctive for its semi-rural, romantic character applied to mediate a distinctly urban social problem. The handsome design is notable for its clarity and simplicity. Its domestic scale and surviving historic setting are rare in buildings of this type. The building was designed by architect George Snell, whose work and practice were influential in the region during the second half of the 19th century. New academic buildings were constructed on the site in 2017; the historic building is now used exclusively for faculty housing.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 232 Centre Street, Dorchester, parcel number 1601229000.



City of Boston
Historic Preservation



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

November 29, 2023

RE: Petition #247.12 – The Industrial School for Girls, Dorchester

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On November 28, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Industrial School for Girls in Dorchester as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



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The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

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The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Industrial School for Girls in Dorchester as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission