

PRATT SCHOOL

Malcolm Avenue S. E. between
Orlin Avenue and Sidney Place

1931

Lena L. Harger, Principal

Originally Erected	1898
Number of Class Rooms	12
Number of Special Rooms	4
Enrollment	462

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Original building is one of the older wood joisted brick structures. Later addition is of fireproof construction.

DETAILED REPORT

OCCUPANCY: Boiler room, fan room, domestic science, auditorium, gymnasium, sewing and storage in basement. Manual training, office and class rooms, first. Class rooms, second.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE: Excellent.

EGRESS FACILITIES: Poor. Lack of exit providing safe egress from west end of second floor, fireproof wing presents a serious hazard. Auditorium exit doors and exit door in brick section opening to playground not properly equipped with panic bars.

COMMON HAZARDS: LIGHT -- Electric, installation safe. HEAT -- Steam from low pressure boilers in non-fireproof basement room not cut off. VENTILATION -- Metal ventilating ducts extend through roof.

SPECIAL HAZARDS: WOODWORKING -- Bench work only, careful attention given to cleanliness. PAINTING -- Occasional brush work, metal cabinet for paints. Cooking in domestic science room and community kitchen on safely arranged gas heated devices. Electric glue pot in wood shop.

EXPOSURES: None.

FIRST AID PROTECTION: Fair. Insufficient supply of chemical extinguishers.

PUBLIC PROTECTION: Full city protection. Well supplied hydrants with fire department located one mile away over mostly paved streets. Fire alarm within 400 feet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Chemical extinguisher protection should be made standard.
2. Wood floor over boiler room should be replaced with fireproof floor and all openings to room protected with approved automatic three ply fire doors.
3. Additional stairway should be provided to serve west end of fireproof wing.
4. Panic bars should be provided on doors leading from auditorium to vestibules and on door leading from stairway in brick section to playground.