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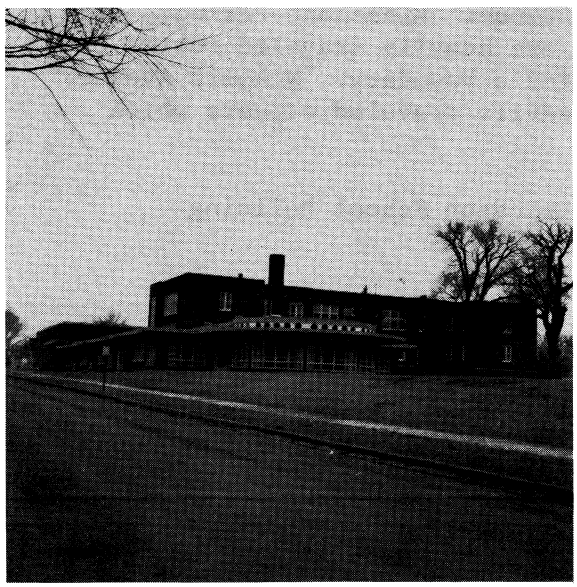

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The John Ericsson Elementary School, a two-story masonry and wood structure, was erected in 1916, with an addition constructed in 1952. It has a basement. The building is located on a 4.05 acre site at 4315 31st Avenue South.

In general, the residential neighborhood within the Ericsson School district consists of single family dwellings, most of which were constructed prior to 1940. An industrial and commercial area exists along the railroad tracks and Hiawatha Avenue. Minnehaha Parkway, 38th Street, Hiawatha Avenue and 28th Avenue are heavily traveled routes which serve as part of the school district's boundary. Nokomis Avenue, 38th Street, and 34th Avenue are also heavily traveled streets which cross through the district.

As may be noted on Plate 115, the Ericsson School building contains the following basic spaces:

14 Classrooms
2 Kindergartens
1 Remedial Reading Room
1 Instructional Materials Center (library)
1 Special Use Room (regular classroom)
1 Administrative Suite (general office)
1 Multi-Purpose Room (community room)
1 Elementary Playroom (auditorium-gymnasium)
1 Little Theatre
1 Kindergarten Playroom
2 Teachers' Lounges

CAPACITY OF THE ERICSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Ericcson Elementary School has an optimum capacity of 435 pupils. This figure is obtained by allotting 25 pupils to each classroom, 20 pupils to each kindergarten session, and 5 pupils to the remedial reading room. The rated capacity of this school is 530 pupils. The rated capacity is determined by increasing each classroom, remedial reading, and kindergarten group by five pupils.

UTILIZATION OF THE ERICSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At the end of the fourth week of school in September, 1962, this school had the following grade distributions:

Grade	Number
K	82
1	64
2	53
3	63
4	65
5	65
6	67
Total	459

The total enrollment of 459 at the Ericsson School is 71 less than the building's rated capacity, but this enrollment exceeds the optimum capacity by 24 pupils. The pupil-teacher ratio at the Ericsson School in grades 1-6 in September, 1962, was 31.4 to 1.

SCHOOL BUILDING FACT SHEET

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SCHOOL Ericsson Elementary

ADDRESS 4315 31st Avenue South

GRADES K-6 BUILT 1916

ADDITIONS 1952

STRUCTURE Masonry and wood

STORIES 2 & B

SITE AREA 4.05 acres

PLAYGROUND AREA

NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS 14

OTHER SPACES: Administrative Suite, Multi-Purpose Room, Music Room, Reading Center Room

NUMBER OF KINDERGARTENS 2

NUMBER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ROOMS 0

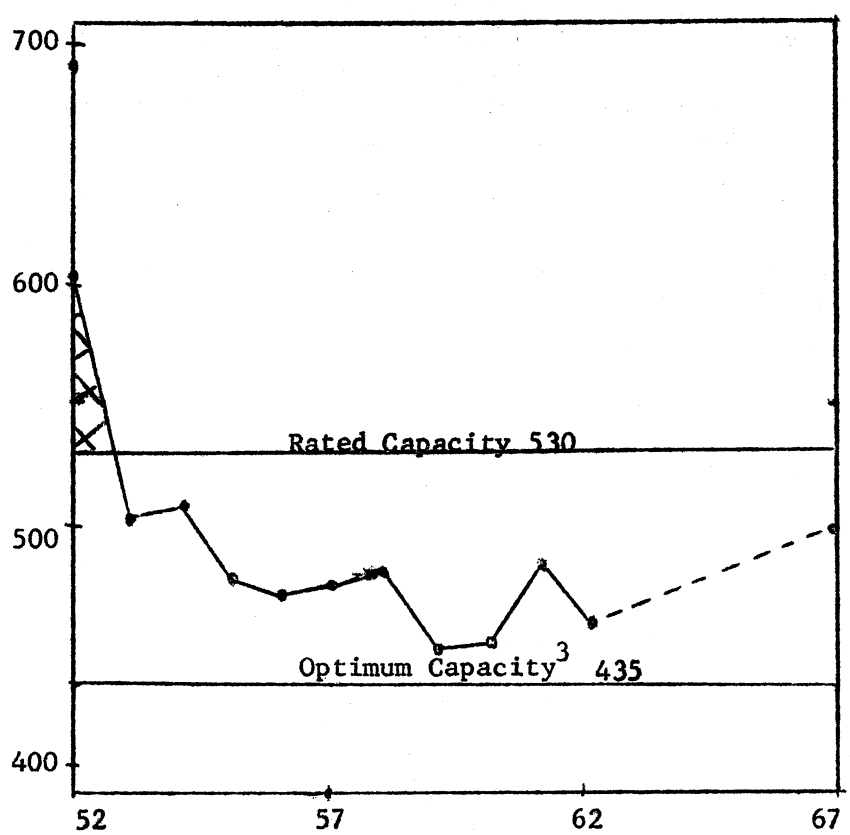
RATED CAPACITY[1] 530

SEPTEMBER, 1962 ENROLLMENT 459

ENROLLMENT

Year	Sept.
1952	691
1953	503
1954	506
1955	474
1956	470
1957	473
1958	478
1959	449
1960	450
1961	480
1962	459
1967[2]	495

ENROLLMENT TREND



[1] Formula: 30 per classroom, 50 per kindergarten, 15 per special education room
[2] Estimate based upon data obtained from the Minneapolis Public Schools' Office of Research, Census and Attendance
[3] Formula: 25 per classroom, 40 per kindergarten, 10 per special education room

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

1. Modernization and/or Rehabilitation:
   - classrooms, including additional floor area, storage, sinks, cabinets, and counters
   - plumbing and toilet facilities
   - communication system
   - temperature control and ventilation; improved corridor radiation in new wing
   - administrative suite, including adequate space for general offices, health clinic, storage, and guidance center
2. Roof
3. Windows, doors, Corridor Floor, Acoustical Tile, Wall and Plaster Repairs
4. Site: Size; Playground and Parking; Drainage around new wing
5. Interior and exterior painting
6. Tuckpointing and sandblasting
7. Academic and janitorial storage on second floor

SUMMARY

The Ericsson Elementary School, a well built structure, was erected in 1916, and an addition was constructed in 1952. If the older section of this building is to be retained as an elementary facility over a long period of time by the Minneapolis Public School system, it needs modernization and rehabilitation to meet present standards of health and educational adequacy. In addition, the new wing needs certain improvements such as corridor radiation and adequate drainage away from the structure.

The 4.05 acre site is considerably below today's elementary school site adequacy standards. Additional acreage is needed, as well as improved playground and parking for the present site.