

## BEAVERTON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

HIST. NAME: Merle Davies School DATE OF CONSTR: 1937  
 COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL USE: School  
 ADDRESS: 13000 SW Farmington Rd. PRESENT USE: School  
 OWNER: Beaverton School District ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown  
No. 48 STYLE: Half Modern  
 MAP NO.: 1S1 W 16AD TAX LOT: 11100 RESOURCE TYPE: Building  
 ADDITION: Town of Beaverton ZONE: R-10  
 BLOCK: 12 LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD: Beaverton  
 THEME: Education. Architecture -  
20th Century

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical NO OF STORIES: 1  
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete BASEMENT (Y/N): Yes  
 ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hipped and clipped gable. Composition shingles.  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION: Masonry STRUCTURAL FRAME: Unknown  
 PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 8/8 double hung sash with 4 light transoms

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Brick  
 DECORATIVE FEATURES: Bull's eye windows. Decorative brickwork.

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: Good  
 EXTERIOR ALTERATION/ADDITIONS (DATED): Numerous additions, n.d.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Well landscaped plantings and well tended lawn.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: 1 1/2 story gymnasium attachment.

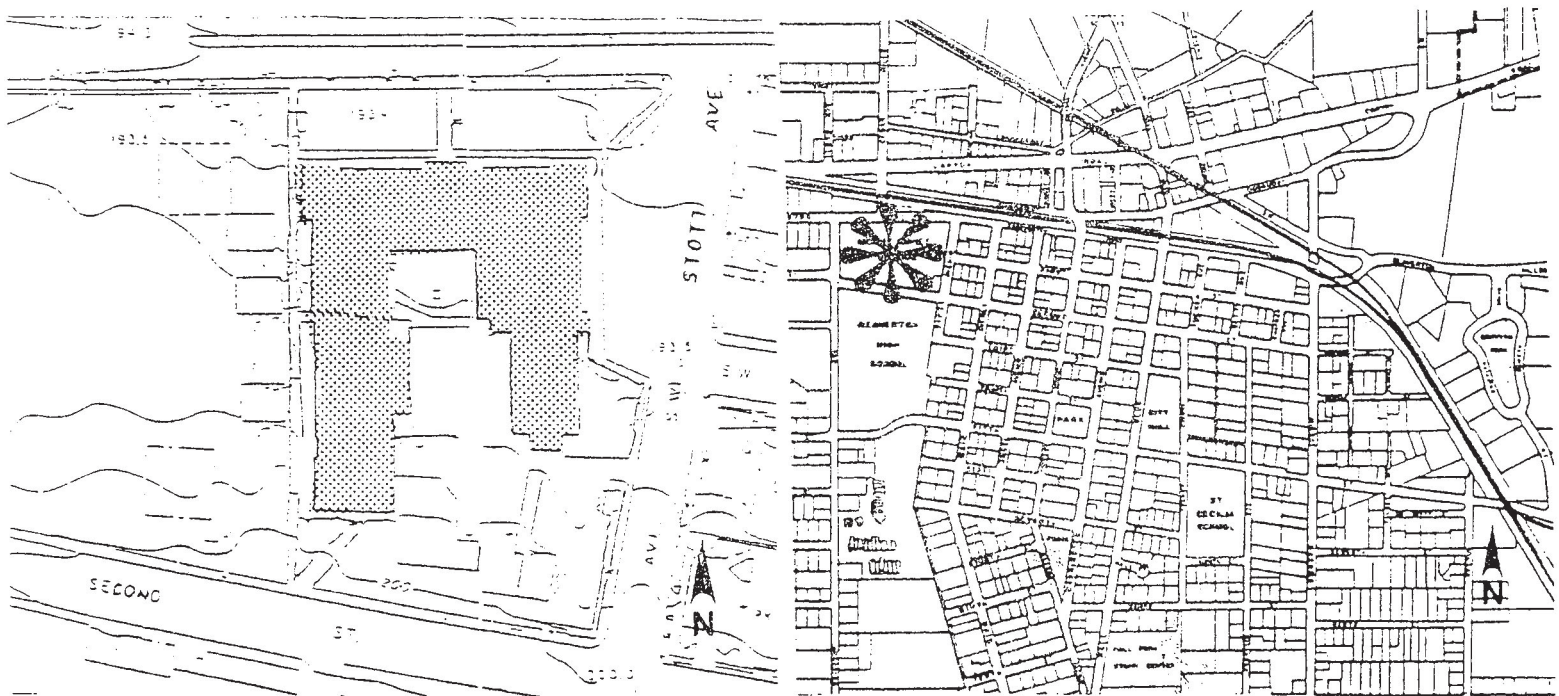
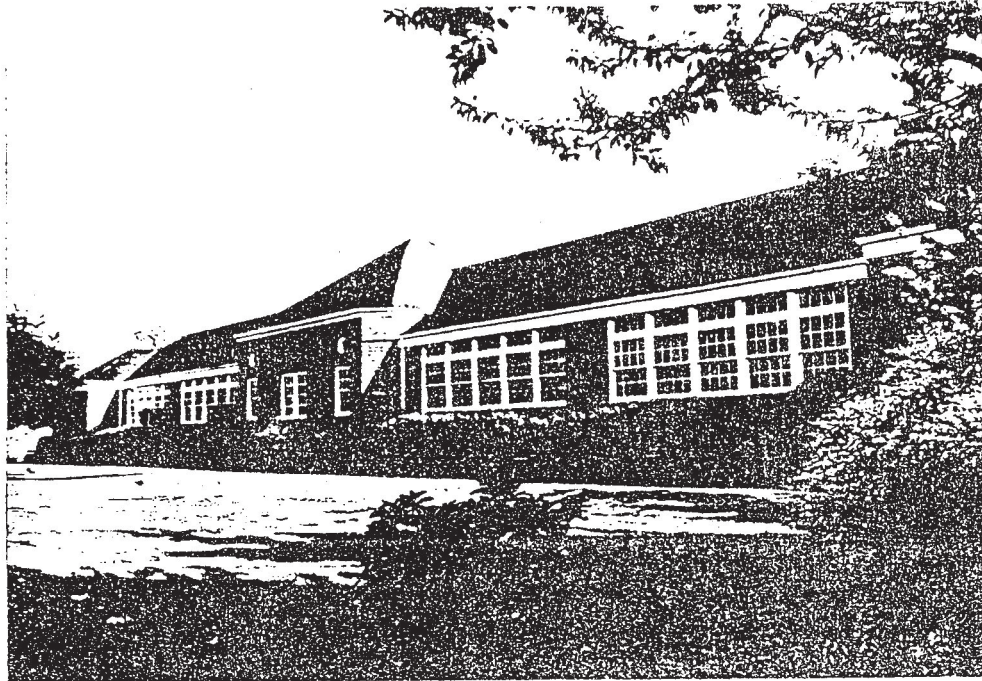
KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None

SETTING: Merle Davies School is situated on the south side of Farmington Road. To the south is Beaverton High School and a commercial area lies to the west. The school complex envelopes several downtown Beaverton blocks.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts). Constructed in 1937, this school was named after Merle Davies, who lived in Beaverton her entire life. Merle's family came from Indiana to Oregon in 1853. The family first settled in the Scholls area of Washington County. Merle was born in 1891 on a 240 acre farm at the corner of Hall and Allen Blvds. She was 6 years old when her family moved into a house on Farmington Road where she lived for many years. Her father and uncle owned a sawmill south of Beaverton and were also farmers.

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October 13, 2022

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RE: SHPO Case No. 22-1411

Beaverton School District, Beaverton Hig School and Merle Davies Demolition  
demolition of the Main High School Building, Merle Davies Building, and Annex Building  
13000 SW 2nd Street, Beaverton, Washington County

Dear Ms. Forsi:

Thank you for submitting information for the project referenced above. According to our records there are no identified archaeological objects or sites (Oregon Revised Statute [ORS] 358.905), and no Native American cairn, burial, human remains, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony (ORS 97.740-760) in or adjacent to the project area. Based on the information provided, Oregon SHPO does not have any concerns with the project proceeding as planned.

Under ORS 358.920 and ORS 97.745, archaeological sites, objects and human remains are protected on both state public and private lands in Oregon. Please know that if any archaeological artifacts are found during construction all activity in the area should cease and our office should be contacted. We also advise having an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) in place during construction. A template is available on our website (<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/projectreviewresources.aspx>). The IDP explains what to do in the event of a discovery and provides examples of archaeological materials. Using this form can reduce confusion, risk, and liability.

If the project has a federal nexus (lands, funding, permitting, or oversight) coordinate with the lead federal agency to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Native American tribes regarding the proposed project. Additional consultation regarding this case must be sent through Go Digital. In order to help us track the project accurately, reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

Please contact our office if you have any questions, comments or need additional assistance.

This letter refers to archaeological resources only. Comments pursuant to a review for above-ground historic resources will be sent separately.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Forsi:

Thank you for submitting information regarding the undertaking referenced above. After additional consideration of the Beaverton High School and the Merle Davies Building, we do not concur that the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) due to an irreversible loss of historic integrity. Review of the building demonstrated that the interior has little historic fabric remaining and that the exterior has been substantially altered; windows have been replaced and the original entry has been reoriented. While the building's connection to Merle Davies is of evident importance to the school community, the building does not meet the qualifications provided in the National Park Service's *National Register Bulletin 15, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation* to be considered a historic property for the purposes of this review. The Merle Davies Building does not contribute to any potential historic district, nor is it individually eligible for listing in the NRHP. As such, there will be no effect to historic properties for this undertaking based on the information provided to our office.

This letter refers to built environment resources only. If applicable, comments pursuant to a review for archaeological resources may be sent separately. If you have not already done so, be sure to consult with all appropriate Native American Tribes and interested parties regarding the proposed undertaking. Please be aware that local regulations, if any, still apply and review under local ordinances may be required.

If there are no changes to the project, this concludes consultation with our office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (per 36 CFR Part 800) and/or Oregon Revised State (ORS) 358.653 for built-environment resources. If, however, the proposed project changes in design, scope, or impact or if additional potentially historic properties are identified, further consultation with our office will be necessary before proceeding with the undertaking. In order to help us track the undertaking accurately, please reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence. Any additional consultation regarding this case must be sent using the Go Digital submittal guidelines.

Please contact our office if you have any questions, comments, or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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