



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 1/9/2023
Ald. Rainey
Staff reviewer: Tim Askin
CCF #221381

Property	2525 N. Sherman Blvd	Washington High School in the Sherman Blvd HD
Owner/Applicant	Milwaukee Public Schools	Quorum Architecture
Proposal	Install security screens on the school in areas prone to security issues. The screens double as insect screens where the underlying window is operable. They will be installed across all facades to varying degrees.	
Staff comments	<p>This is a highly visible building with 360 public views. Nonetheless, only the historic portion of the Sherman Boulevard façade would suffer any meaningful adverse effects from the installation of the proposed screens. Additions and the irregular building shape speak against a strong need to require alternative approaches on the other elevations.</p> <p>The effect on the Sherman Boulevard façade would be drastic. Staff is discussing alternatives with the architect.</p>	
Recommendation	<p>HOLD approval of security screens on the Sherman façade of the historic core building for more time to explore alternatives.</p> <p>Approve all other requested screen locations.</p>	
Conditions		