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**To:** Hatala, Carlen

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Dear Ms. Carlen Hatala,

I hope that you will be able to speak successfully to the Historical Preservation Committee about making the William Mckinley School an Historical Site. I see great value in doing that! Schools, Churches, Libraries, and some Banks often remain in place while neighborhoods change.

I attended McKinley School from kindergarten at age 4, to 8th grade at age 13 (1938 to 1948 ). I made a new friend from the Jewish Orphanage, Hiasaura Rubenstein, across the street on 21st St. and McKinley

Ave. during our 7th-8th grade classes. Mr. Raymond Ross, Miss Ryan, Miss Downey, and Ms. Samich are names of teachers I remember at that time. Miss Fischman and Miss Jahnke were two of my kindergarten teachers. Mr. Marshall E. Born was Principal when I graduated with a class of about 45. I still have pictures of my classes through those years.