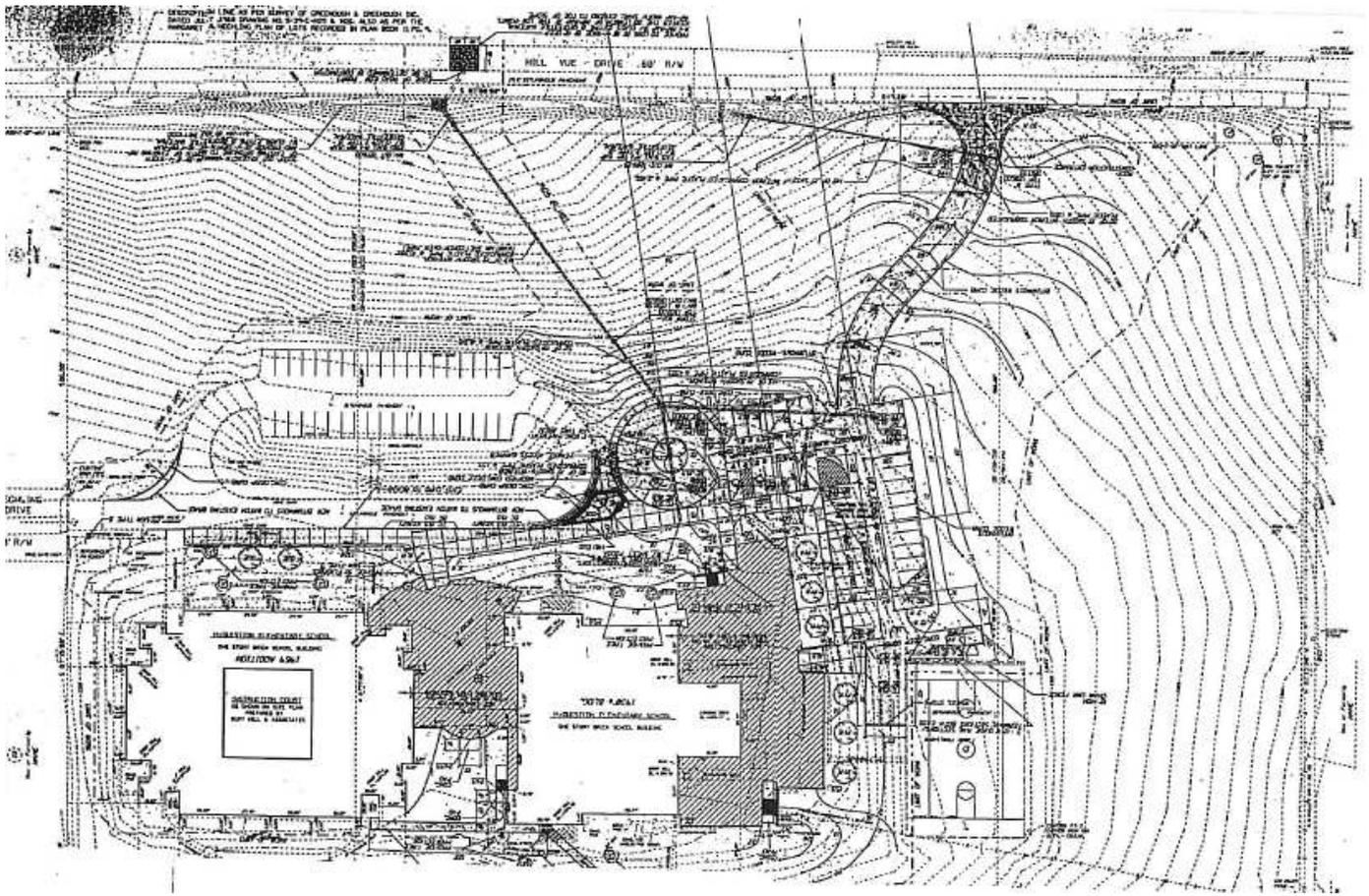
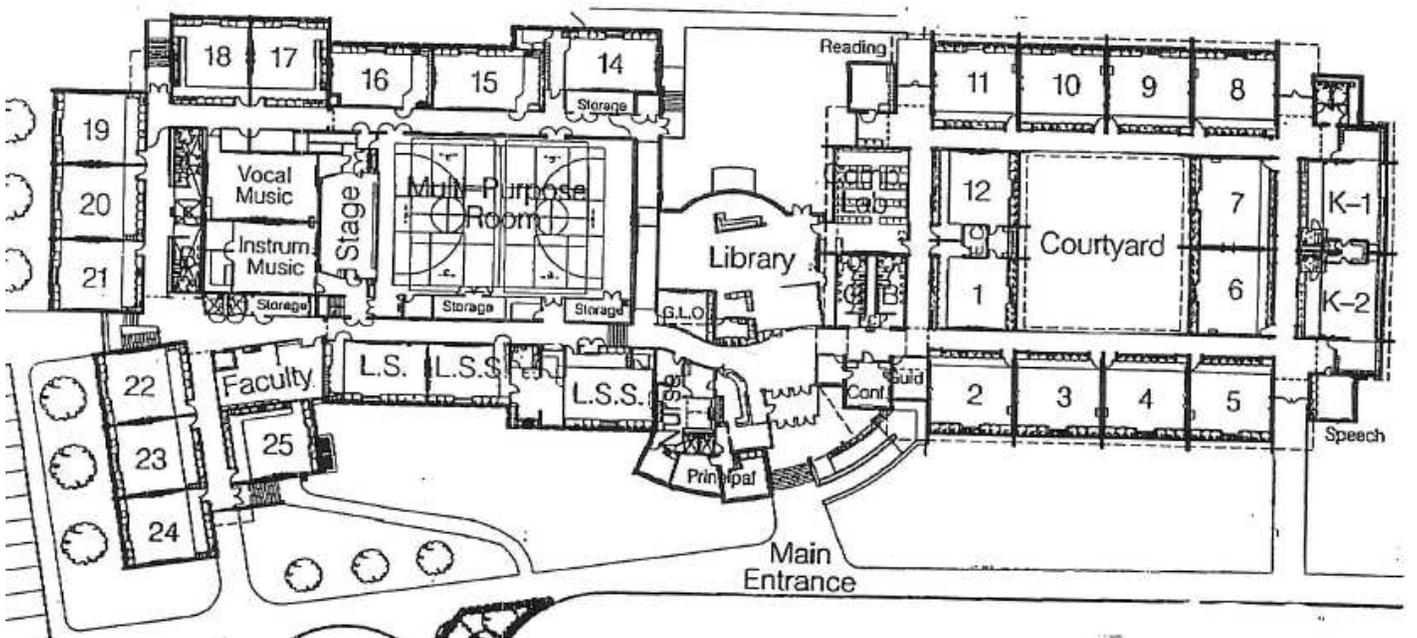


150020 – McQuiston Elementary School





Site Plan of McQuiston Elementary



Floor Plan of McQuiston Elementary

150020; McQuiston Elementary School. This school is located at the end of Mechling Drive, Butler, Pennsylvania in Butler Township, Butler County. It is part of the Butler Area School District. The 1930 school building is situated at the southern end of Mechling Drive. A parking lot is located on the east side of the school. South of the school is a modern parking lot, accessed by a new driveway from Hill Vue Drive east of the school. A circular driveway associated with this lot is located at the southeast corner of the school. A paved basketball court is located near the southern parking lot. Beyond these are a combination soccer and baseball field. West of the school are picnic tables and playground equipment. A flagpole, scattered trees, and bushes are located on the property. Modern residential development is located north and west of the school property.

The 1930 core of the school is a rectangular one-story structure with linear hallways and classrooms flanking a central multi-purpose room. A roughly rectangular one-story 1969 addition was constructed north of the core, originally connected via a covered walkway. This addition became the primary grades wing. Classroom-lined hallways surround an interior courtyard. A 1998-99 addition between, and connecting, the two structures contains a new main entrance, office space, and a library. A two-story addition, also constructed ca. 1998, located at the southern end of the school, includes additional classrooms, music rooms, an art room, and a cafeteria. The original 1930 core is a brick structure with an asphalt-covered flat roof. The building has a brick interior chimney. Aluminum covers some original decorative cast stone details. Entrances to the original structure are obscured and/or in-filled with brick. Modern double-hung windows were installed in 2000 during major renovation work. The 1969 addition is a one-story brick structure with a flat roof. Windows in the 1969 addition were not replaced in 2000. The 1998-99 additions are brick-clad concrete-block structures. Roofs are flat. The addition connecting the two older wings of the school features a rounded front entry hall. The main entrance to the school is now located in this addition. It contains two sets of metal-frame glass double doors surrounded by fixed windows. A one-story metal overhang installed in 2000 shelters the entrance.

The new entryway features a vestibule enclosed by a second set of metal-frame glass double doors surrounded by fixed windows. The entry hallway features tiled floors, concrete block walls, acoustic ceiling tiles, and hanging fluorescent lights. The multi-purpose room features a tiled floor, plaster walls with acoustic panels, a ceiling with acoustic ceiling tiles and truss system, hanging lights, and suspended basketball hoops. A recessed stage with a wood floor is located at the southern end of the room. The cafeteria and library are both located in 1998-99 additions. The interior of the 1930 core was renovated and remodeled in 2000. Two of the original eight classrooms were removed to expand the multi-purpose room. Specialized classrooms include, or have included, music rooms, an art room, a gifted learning room, and a computer lab.

The 1930 core of McQuiston Elementary School was constructed by the Butler Township School District on property acquired from Joseph T. and Clara Mechling in 1929. One acre of the property was donated to the school district by the Mechlings. The school was named for John McQuiston, an ancestor of the Mechling family that was a landowner in

the area in the late eighteenth century. The 1930 school was a consolidation of four of the district's one-room school buildings. It opened as a first- through eighth-grade school. Due to increased enrollment, the building became a first- through sixth-grade school in 1953. A new primary wing was added in 1969, more than doubling the size of the school. Residential development in the area and increased enrollment needs precipitated further expansion of the school in 1998. Construction of new additions, and renovations to the core and 1969 wing occurred between 1998 and 2000.

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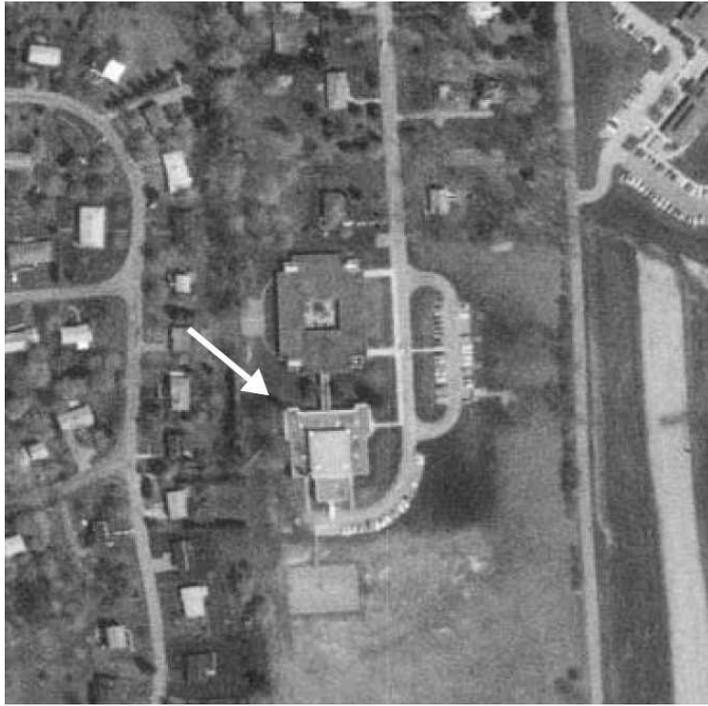
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Aerial View of McQuiston Elementary

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