

# Application for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark – Calhoun M.S.

January 22, 2008

## SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval to pursue application for Calhoun Middle School Main Building, formerly Denton Senior High (1924-1957) as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL).

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- This item was discussed with the Board during the workshop session January 8, 2007.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- *The Texas Historical Commission RTHL designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. This designation is the highest honor the state can bestow on historic structures (Texas Historical Commission brochure).*

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The designation addresses the exterior features of the building only and does not deal with interior arrangement of spaces.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- \$1,600.00
- For fiscal year(s) 2008, cost(s) will be ... \$1,600.00
- Cost of action over 1 years is estimated to be \$1,600.00
- Costs will be borne by appropriated district funds.

## BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Recognition that a property is of local, regional or state significance
- Protection for up to 90 days from exterior alterations, including demolition or relocation
- Ad valorem tax exemptions, if granted by local taxing authorities
- Eligibility for state preservation grant funds
- Inclusion in the Texas Historic Sites Atlas <http://atlas.the.state.tx.us>
- Technical preservation assistance through the THC

## PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- The district would be restricted from doing any exterior modifications without first notifying the Texas Historical Commission in writing 60 days prior.

## PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- Ms Beth Stribling with the Denton County Historical Commission detailed the request to the Board January 8, 2004

## ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

## OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve application process for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark for Calhoun Middle School, formerly Denton Senior High (1924-1957).

## STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Norm Sisk, Executive Director of Operations;
- Rod Reeves, Coordinator of Facilities

## ATTACHMENT:

- None

## APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: 

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_