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Booker T. Washington High School Listed on National Register of Historic Places

Booker T. Washington High School has achieved a remarkable feat in being approved to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The effective listing date is July 14.

The school becomes one of 50 other historic buildings and structures from Shreveport listed individually on the National Register.

The school, built in 1949, was noted in national publications as a state-of-the-art, modern school building. Noted architects Theodore A. Flaxman and Seymour Van Os designed the original building with its six wings connected by a central core.

The Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) began the formal nomination process in January 2015 by submitting the Registration Form. A petition consisting of 1,400 signatures of Alumni and Friends of Booker T. Washington High School was submitted and the State Committee unanimously approved the Registration Form.

"Booker T. Washington High School has long been a beacon of hope and stability in our community," said Mayor Ollie Tyler. "It is nice to see this institution rise as a priority for the Historic Preservation Commission and be named to the National Register of Historic Places."

This nomination has been a team effort. Mayor Tyler, Caddo Parish School Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree, and School Board members were fundamental in supporting the HPC nomination efforts.

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