**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM**

*Type all entries – complete applicable sections*

1. **NAME**
   - Common: Frankfort School

2. **LOCATION**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** 400 Locust street
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Frankfort
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66427
   - **COUNTY:** Marshall
   - **CODE:** 117

3. **CLASSIFICATION**

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   **PRESENT USE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   - Agricultural
   - Commercial
   - Educational
   - Entertainment
   - Government
   - Industrial
   - Military
   - Museum
   - Religious
   - Transportation
   - Other (Specify)

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - **OWNER'S NAME:** Unified School District No. 380
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** Office of the Board of Education
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Frankfort
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66508

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:** Register of Deeds
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** Marshall County Courthouse
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Marysville
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66508

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

   **TITLE OF SURVEY:** NONE

   **DATE OF SURVEY:**
   - Federal
   - State
   - County
   - Local

   **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

   **STREET AND NUMBER:**

   **CITY OR TOWN:**
The Frankfort School is a two-story rectangular structure in the Renaissance style with a full basement partially above grade. Located at the northwest corner of Locust and Fourth streets, the building is situated at a 45 degree angle and faces southeast. Its walls are constructed of greyish-brown face brick trimmed with limestone. The basement is faced with rough hewn limestone blocks laid in uniform horizontal courses. The shingled roof of the building is segmented into four quarters each with a hipped roof. These are interconnected with a steeply pitched central roof. Emphasizing the roof line is an unusually wide overhang which is decorated by closely spaced wood brackets on the soffit. A broad one-story porch supported by six wood columns with ionic capitals emphasizes the main entrance on the southeast facade. Another outstanding feature that makes the building particularly notable is the use of decorative stone trim, especially at the windows. The basement windows occur in the stone basement walls with simple sills and jambs. A massive ribbon of rough hewn stone blocks occurs at the first floor line and separates the stone from the face brick above. It also forms the lintel for the basement windows. The first floor windows are double wide rectangular openings with smoothed stone sills. The sill stone occurs continuously around the building as does a stone band at the window head. Rough hewn stone blocks of alternating width ornament the first floor window jambs. The window heads are flat stone arches of rough hewn tapered stones with a large smoothed keystone. The second story windows are double wide with stone sills and jambs similar to the first floor. The second floor windows have a semi-circular arched head of large blocks of stone with a huge keystone. Stone quoins of alternating width rough hewn blocks are used at all building corners. A massive brick chimney with stone quoining rises at the center of the northwest facade.

The only major changes to the building’s exterior have occurred above the roof line. A cupola formerly was situated atop the entrance tower. Dormers similar to the one behind the chimney were located in each of the outward facing segments of the hip roofs and centered on each side, except the front.
The Frankfort School was erected in 1902-03 to replace an 1880 building which had been struck by lightning on August 20, 1902, and burned beyond repair. Within weeks after the fire a local architect, A. W. Snodgrass, was hired to prepare plans and specifications for a new school building. On November 21 a picture of the proposed structure was printed in the Frankfort Review, along with an announcement that the contract for construction would be let soon. Shortly thereafter, two Frankfort men, Olaf Anderson and John C. Reipen, were awarded the contracts, respectively, for the stone work and the carpentry work. Excavation of the basement was completed by mid-December, and the school house was finished in time for classes to begin October 19, 1903, although the opening date had been somewhat delayed. The final cost of the building was estimated to be $20,000.

At first the elementary school used the first floor and a three-year high school occupied the second floor. (The fourth year was added in 1905.) As the population of surrounding rural areas decreased, many schools were consolidated with Frankfort District No. 35. Following the construction of a new high school in 1923, the building has been used only for elementary classes.

The building is an excellent example of Renaissance influenced turn-of-the-century school architecture in Kansas.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Frankfort Schools Calendar, 1913-14" (n. p., 1913).
Frankfort Weekly Review, August 22, September 12, December 19, 1902; August 7, September 25, October 16, 23, 1903.
Marysville Advocate-Democrat, September 19, November 28, 1920; March 20, April 10, July 16, 1903; April 14, 1927.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Planner
Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka
STATE: Kansas
CODE: 66612

12. STATE LIASION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [x]

Name: Nyle H. Miller
Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society
Date: June 14, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: ____________________________
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: ____________________________