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LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL NOMINATED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission the former Leominster High School for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at a recent meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Galvin said. “The former Leominster High School building is a landmark in the city and its conversion to affordable housing supported by historic tax credits gives it a new life and a new value to the community.”

The former school is one of seven nominations for resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Galvin serves as chair of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times per year.

The former Leominster High School was built between 1904 and 1906 during a period of rapid population growth in the city tied to its emergence as an industrial center in Worcester County. Designed by prominent Worcester-based architecture firm Frost, Briggs & Chamberlain in the Classical Revival style, the building retains numerous original details inside and out. In 1963, it became the James G. Carter Junior High School. It remained in use as a school until 1984, and recently was rehabilitated and converted to affordable housing through assistance from state and federal historic tax credits.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 70,000 properties listed in the National



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Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Additional information about the Commission's programs is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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