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Sherry Sharp
655 S. 23rd St., #41
Beaumont, Texas 77707

RE: South Park High School, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

Dear Ms. Sharp:

Thank you for your interest in preserving South Park High School in Beaumont. The property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, in the area of Education, and Criterion C, in the area of Architecture, at the local level of significance, as an excellent example of an Collegiate Gothic style institutional building, and also as a building that served a very important function in the education of the community's children. The building has been modified by the replacement of the original windows, but it nevertheless retains a good degree of integrity. The Texas Historical Commission strongly endorses the school's preservation and encourages the city to take steps to identify ways that the building could be put to productive use.

Although there are no state or federal restrictions inherent with National Register listing, recognition of a property's historic significance can often lead to its future preservation. National Register listing could qualify a building for a 20% investment tax credit if the property is rehabilitated for commercial use following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Additionally, our staff in the Division of Architecture could provide technical assistance for any work on the building.

We appreciate your efforts to document and preserve this historic property. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 512/463-6013 or by email at greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us. Thank you for your interest in the National Register and in preserving Texas' cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Smith".

Gregory W. Smith
National Register Coordinator