



**HISTORIC NAME**

**OTHER NAMES** Holland Junior High School  
**ADDRESS** 372 River Ave.

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS** Educational  
**CURRENT FUNCTIONS** Educational  
**OWNERSHIP** Municipal  
**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Classic Revival

	Main Building	Other buildings/features
<b>FOUNDATION</b>		
<b>WALLS</b>	Brick veneer	
<b>ROOF</b>		
<b>OTHER</b>		

**DESCRIPTION** The three story red brick building has terra cotta trim, displaying twisted columns and other mildly Italian medieval-appearing details. The building's front facade is balanced by prominent sections that extend forward of the building's main section. These sections are enhanced by decorative stone arches in a three-part design. Multicolored diamond tiles accent the building above the second and third stories. The main central entrance is enhanced with decorative arches above twisted columns. Above the entrance two sets of stone trimmed triple windows at the second and third story levels are set apart with colored tile work. Nine sets of three single light double hung sash windows dominate facade. Belt courses above the first and third story further accent the building's rectangular form and unify the building's elements.

**HISTORY** Tax Rolls: 1880-1909, Egbertus Vander Veen owned the property. This school building was built as Holland Junior High School and renamed E.E. Fell Junior High School in 1955. The building served as a junior high school until 1988. Since that time, the building has been used for school administration offices.

Robinson & Campau of Grand Rapids - architects; W. M. Allen & Co. -contractor.

Egbert E. Fell served the City of Holland for thirty-five years, retiring in 1945, as its Superintendent of Schools. During his tenure he established departments for special needs students,

initiated the adult education program, and promoted the organization of the Parent-Teacher Clubs.

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1923  
**ORIGINAL OWNER**

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Architecture

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT** This educational building contributes to the historic and architectural character of the survey area.

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