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Eleanor Esser Gorski, AIA
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Planning and Development
Planning, Design & Historic Preservation Division
City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1101
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Proposed Landmark Designation of the former Stewart School building as a Chicago Landmark

Dear Ms. Gorski,

I am writing to express my support for applying landmark designation to the former Stewart School building. The school was designed by the noteworthy Chicago architect Dwight H. Perkins and was completed in 1906. For over a century the building served as an important institution in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood and exemplifies the importance of Chicago’s public schools to the City’s social and cultural history. The Stewart School, which has been empty since it closed in 2013, will be rehabilitated as residential units. The rehab project will protect the school’s historic exterior features and retain the interior’s basic spatial layout.

Thank you for considering Stewart School as one of the landmark gems of Chicago. Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alderman James Cappleman
46th Ward