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Alison McKellar  
Camden, Maine

Dear Ms. McKellar,

Thank you for submitting National Register Eligibility Assessment photographs and other information pertaining to the Mary E. Taylor School in Camden, Maine. These have been carefully examined by our staff.

We reviewed the property as a single building including all existing additions to the northwest as required by National Register guidance. Currently we do not have enough information regarding the interior of the northwest additions to come to a conclusion on eligibility of the entire complex. Interior photos and a more complete history of the additions, including subsequent changes after initial design, are necessary for that part of the complex. As the Mary E. Taylor School exists now with the connected northwest additions, we require additional information and photographs to come to a conclusion on National Register eligibility.

However, your initial question was, "Would the Mary E. Taylor School be eligible if all post 1931 additions were demolished?" We cannot determine the 1925/1930 section of the building eligible with the additions to the northwest present. National Register guidance does not allow for listing or eligibility of a portion of a building. In our judgment based on the information and photographs submitted to date, the 1925 school with the added 1930 floor is potentially eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places if the northwest additions are removed. Because we lack information about the additions, we are not suggesting their demolition or retention, but in answer your hypothetical question: if those additions were not present, we believe a review of the remaining building would determine it eligible.

If you or the owner wish to submit additional information, please contact me at (207) 287-5435 or [michael.w.goebel-bain@maine.gov](mailto:michael.w.goebel-bain@maine.gov). In the meantime, the property will be included in the Maine Historic Resources Inventory. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Goebel-Bain  
Architectural Historian