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LPC Docket Number: 062809

Manhattan, Block: 1116, Lot: 7502

15 West 63rd Street - Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District

A neo-Romanesque style school building designed by Dwight James Baum, built in 1931. Application is to install a canopy.

HDC Testimony

The Historic Districts Council does not support this application for the installation of a canopy on this entrance at 15 West 63rd Street, as we find it would interrupt this wonderfully severe and minimally detailed façade. We do not believe this entrance was ever intended to have a canopy.

If the Commission does allow for a canopy, it must be of a more simple, utilitarian design, perhaps a traditional canvas canopy as you see on residential buildings throughout the city. As proposed, this canopy is too busy for this façade, and further detracts from the simple ornamentation of the wall.

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