

PETITION

TO THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

WHEREAS, we, the undersigned, are residents of East Baton Rouge Parish or alumni of Baton Rouge Magnet High School;

WHEREAS, we value the building known as Baton Rouge Magnet High School for its historic significance, its architectural beauty, and its symbolism as representing excellence in education;

WHEREAS, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board is considering demolishing the eighty-year-old building known as Baton Rouge Magnet High School;

WHEREAS, the parish school board is considering using federal funds towards this end;

WHEREAS, this august building is on the National Register of Historic Places as a building worthy of preservation;

WHEREAS, this historic building has architectural brilliance no longer seen in newer schools;

WHEREAS, Baton Rouge Magnet High School has for nearly 80 years been the jewel in the educational crown of our parish school system;

WHEREAS, this building also houses the memories of thousands of this parish's most upstanding citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the destruction of this building would be tragic;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE URGE THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO:

1. **Hold well-publicized public hearings in Baton Rouge** at which citizens and/or alumni may appear and comment on the proposed demolition; and,
2. After a Section 106 review, deny the school board permission to demolish the building.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE

MAKE SEVERAL COPIES OF THIS FORM before obtaining signatures. When fully or partially completed, promptly mail the signed petitions to: Prof. M. R. Franks, Post Office Box 281, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0281. More copies of this petition are available from: www.franks.org/petition.pdf Email: SaveBRHS@franks.org