

P.S. 154 Manhattan Harriet Tubman Learning Center

Individual Landmark
205 West 127th Street



P.S. 154 Manhattan Harriet Tubman Learning Center. Photo: Melanie Nanez

The P.S. 154 Manhattan Harriet Tubman Learning Center is the first New York City school to be designed by a black architect, Paul Williams of California, in 1957.

In the years after World War II, the nation took a new approach to teaching methods and school construction. The result was schools built with new materials, new construction techniques, and today they face a series of repairs to provide student safety.

P.S. 154's auditorium was used throughout the 1970s and 1980s by black activist Elombe Brath to organize support for South African liberation.