

**State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan State Housing Development Authority**

**Staff Comments, December 18, 2009
Stiles School Historic District, Rochester Hills**

Aerial photographs are not a suitable medium for the visual boundary description. A map with property lines and the outline of the building is required. Please see page 63 of the *Manual for Historic and Architectural Surveys in Michigan*, which is available at www.michigan.gov/shpo under Survey Programs. In addition, the boundary on the aerial photograph includes the 1957 and 1963 additions but according to the Conclusion section of the report the additions are not part of the district. The status of the additions should also be clarified in the Count of Historic and Non-Historic Resources section, which states "the two additions are counted as part of the building." If only the historic section is being designated, then the additions would not be counted as part of the building. Be sure that the written boundary description does not include the additions.