Purpose of Evaluation
Please use the following space to explain briefly why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.
Lighthouse Academia Group Inc. is seeking an evaluation of our property to establish and preserve the historical significance of the James Murray Jeffress Elementary School. We also would like to establish and be named in the National Register listing as a building and site that has historical significance that is recognized.

Are you interested in applying for State and/or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes ___ No _____
Are you interested in receiving more information about DHR’s easement program? Yes ___ No _____

1. General Property Information
Property name: James Murray Jeffress Elementary School
Property address: 5015 Patrick Henry Hwy
City or Town: Charlotte Courthouse
Zip code: 23923
Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Charlotte Courthouse
Category of Property (choose only one of the following):
Building ___ Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects
Acreage: 9
Setting (choose only one of the following):
Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural ___ X

Briefly describe the property’s overall setting, including any notable landscape features:
The James Murray Jeffress Elementary School was originally built in 1952 and is 18,000 SF and has an L-shape construction. The exterior wall material is brick. The roof is a TPO that was installed on the original structure and was replaced with an aluminum roofing in 2010 by Charlotte County. The building is located about 6 miles from the town of Charlotte Courthouse and about 2 miles from Phenix. The building is located in a very rural area. The landscape is flat where the school, playground, basketball court, soccer field, and approximate 4 acreage are wooded and declines on a downward slope.
3. Architectural Description
Architectural Style(s): Red Brick School building built in 1952.

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: Designed by an architect.

If the builder is known, please list here: Samuel N. Mayo AIA

Date of construction (can be approximate): Dec.18 1950

Narrative Description:
In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire property, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the architectural style, materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions, remodelings, or other alterations.

The James Murray Jeffress Elementary School was originally built in 1952 and is 18,000 SF and has an L-shape construction. The exterior wall material is brick. The roof is a TPO that was installed on the original structure and was replaced with an aluminum roofing in 2010 by Charlotte County. The existing windows are steel framed, multiple pane units. The exterior doors are hollow metal, painted and in good condition, interior doors are wood, and frames are wood as well. The school building consists of twelve classrooms with mounted whiteboards, closets, lockers, and floor cabinets with a sink. One multiple stall restroom for girls and one multiple stall restroom boys, and additional restroom in the teachers’ lounge as well as the principal’s office. All other spaces inside the building consist of one teachers’ lounge, two administrative offices, a nurse’s office, a media space, reception area, a kitchen, an auditorium, a boiler room basement, and the hallway the runs down the entire length of the school building. There have not been any additions since its original construction. Eight entrance and exits, a playground area in the back of the building, soccer field, and an outdoor basketball court constructed with asphalt. The driveway is double car in width that has a roundabout for car and buses to turn around in a continuous loop, and a cement pavement that leads up to the building.

Briefly describe any outbuildings or secondary resources (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

There is a small 6X6 building on the backside of the building that houses a well and serves to protect the well from damage. Another building is on the west side of the building, it is 12X16 and it was build in October 2021. It serves as a construction office until the building is renovated.
4. Property’s History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the property, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property. Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The village of Charlotte Court House has been listed with the state and National Registers of Historic Places as a Historic Courthouse District for its uniqueness in architecture, business, and government buildings. Charlotte County was the home of the national prominent figures George Walton, Patrick Henry, and John Randolph. George Walton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence briefly lived in Charlotte County. Patrick Henry came to Charlotte County in 1795 and was buried at Red Hill. In 1959 the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation was dedicated as a national shrine which is a replica of his last home. John Randolph, a representative in both houses of congress, between 1799 and 1825 lived in Charlotte County and was buried there at his home. In 1928, after slavery, the African American community was uplifted by Reverend James Murray Jeffress in leading and establishing the Charlotte County Training School for children. During the time of segregation Jeffress opened a nursing center, an insurance company and a society called the Oder of Moses which was spread over many states. In 1952 Charlotte County constructed three elementary schools for African Americans and named one of them after the late James Murray Jeffress because of his impact and upliftment to the African American community. JMJ Elementary was built outside of the town of Charlotte Courthouse approximately 6 miles west on the main highway route 40, the west side of Charlotte County and 2 miles from the town of Phenix Virginia.

The era of significance is from 1952-1964 during the period of segregation. James Murray Jeffress Elementary School was one of the school buildings built for “Colored” children in Charlotte County, Virginia. The JMJ elementary school is a historical building that tells the history of African Americans during segregation and civil rights. In 1964, after Brown vs The Board of Education, all public school were mandated to desegregate and JMJ Elementary became a desegregated school. Unfortunately, due to many elementary schools in the county, the decision was made to close JMJ and consolidate the other elementary schools. JMJ Elementary has been closed since 2011.
5. Property Ownership  (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: _____ Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property  (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)
name/title: Khadija B. Salaam / Director
organization: Lighthouse Academia Group Inc.
street & number: 5015 Patrick Henry Hwy

city or town: Charlotte Courthouse state: Virginia zip code: 23963
e-mail: Khadijabsalaam@gmail.com telephone: 434 509 7487

Legal Owner’s Signature: Khadija Salaam Date: 3-23-2022

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.
Contact person: Khadija B Salaam
Daytime Telephone: 434 509 7487

Applicant Information  (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)
name/title: __________________________________________________________
organization: _______________________________________________________
street & number: _____________________________________________________
city or town: _________________________ state: ____________ zip code: ___________
e-mail: ______________________________ telephone: _______________________

6. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator, City Manager, and/or Town Manager
name/title: Brette Arbogast / Councilman
locality: Charlotte Courthouse
street & number: _________________________
city or town: Charlotte Courthouse state: Virginia zip code: 23923
telephone: bretteaa@hotmail.com
Records of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) have been gathered over many years and the representation depicted is based on the field observation date and may not reflect current ground conditions. The map is for general illustration purposes and is not intended for engineering, legal or other site-specific uses. The map may contain errors and is provided “as-is”. Contact DHR for the most recent information as data is updated continually.
The above map shows the location of J Murray Jeffress School located at 5015 Patrick Henry Hwy, Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia in relation to Historical District Charlotte Courthouse Virginia.
James Murray Jeffress School - PIF, 2022 – 019-5278
Built in 1952
5015 Patrick Henry Hwy
Charlotte Court House, Virginia 23923
HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

*Note- On the southside of the building
  - Blacktop Basketball Court
  - Soccer/Baseball Field
  - Playground Area

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