

Goodhue

Name: **Nellie Goodhue School**
 Location: 13720 Roosevelt Way N
 Building: Brick veneer, masonry
 & wood frame
 Architect: n.a.
 Site: 3.01 acres

1946: Opened by Shoreline School District No. 412 as Shoreline Health and Guidance Center
 1954: Annexed into Seattle School District on July 1; renamed *Nellie Goodhue* on August 13
 1954-57: Operated as annex to Northgate School
 1957-61: Operated as independent school
 1961: Closed in June as a classroom facility
 1961-: Used for North (Area) Guidance Center/North Region or Region I Student Services
 Present: Northend Annex



Goodhue, 1955 SPSA 605-1

The Shoreline Health and Guidance Center was constructed in 1946 as an administrative building by the Shoreline School District. When the Seattle School District annexed this area in 1954, it decided to turn this building into a center for mentally handicapped children, at the same time closing nearby Woodhull Hay School. For two years, Woodhull Hay School had served this student population in the Shoreline School District in a residential-type building at 1st Avenue N and (N)E 128th Street.

Because the administrative building had been constructed with office-size rooms, it could accommodate smaller groups of children, but not larger classes. Therefore it was deemed suitable for special education classes, which were much needed in the north end of the city. In contradiction to Seattle School District policy, the new school was named for a living person, Nellie H. Goodhue, a retired Seattle Public Schools teacher as well as the first principal of Washington School, who had made pioneering contributions to the education of handicapped and exceptional children.

Nellie Goodhue School opened as an annex to Northgate in September 1954 with six classes serving about 40 pupils from the former Woodhull Hay School and 27 other students. Through the years, the number of classes dropped to four and, in 1959, there were 57 students and four teachers. Transportation was furnished first by Shoreline buses, which continued to use garages at the rear of the building, and



Goodhue, 1958 SPSA 605-2

later by Seattle Transit buses, which served Broadview, Jane Addams, and Ingraham schools. In addition, parents formed numerous car pools. An energetic PTA, organized in 1955, actively worked to raise funds and provide services for the children.

Nellie Goodhue School was closed in June 1961 in line with the Seattle School District's general policy of integrating special education students into other classes whenever possible. The Goodhue pupils were sent to Northgate and Oak Lake schools, and the building returned to its original use as an administrative center for the north end, housing a guidance center with attendance personnel, school psychologists, and social workers. The Student Assessment/Appeals Office is moving from Goodhue to Wilson in the summer of 2000.