

Partnering with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the South Dakota SHPO prepared a National Register nomination for the He Dog School on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) provided perspective on the school's significance to the He Dog community and the SHPO explored the school's significance as the only known Rosenwald Fund plan school in South Dakota.

The school was closed in 2019. The Bureau of Indian Affairs planned to demolish the building but community members objected. The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council passed a resolution calling for its preservation. Joint research between the THPO and SHPO revealed that the school was funded through the New Deal in 1934. Additionally, ten murals by Lakota artist James "Jim" Blackhorse depicting Lakota life are found throughout the building. The murals were painted in 1939 and add to the school's cultural significance. Based on this, a National Register nomination was submitted in 2020.



One of ten murals by James "Jim" Blackhorse