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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

<b>To:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orange County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder 601 N Ross St Santa Ana, CA 92701	<b>From:</b> Irvine Unified School District Facilities and Construction 2015 Roosevelt Irvine, CA 92620
<b>Applicant:</b> Irvine Unified School District	

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Portola High School Expansion, SEIR Addendum to SCH No. 2002101020  
Project Title

2002101020	Kelvin Okino	(949) 936-5305
State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension

**Project Location:**

The IUSD is proposing to expand the capacity of Portola High School to accommodate increased enrollment in the future. The project site is located at 1001 Cadence in the City of Irvine, Orange County. The project site is bounded by Irvine Boulevard to the east, Chinon to the north, Cadence to the west and Merit to the south. The project site includes approximately 8.25 acres within the existing 40.2-acre high school with corresponding Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 59115203. The City of Irvine is in close proximity to the cities of Tustin, Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach on the west side, and cities of Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and unincorporated Orange County on the East Side. The project site is located in Planning Area (PA) 51 of the OCGP, as identified by the City of Irvine General Plan. The City of Irvine is divided into 51 different planning areas and the OCGP encompasses PA 30 and PA 51. Locally, the project site is in Development District 5 of the PA known as the "Great Park Neighborhoods", which consists of nine Development Districts. The Great Park Neighborhoods is also known as the Heritage Fields Development.

**Project Description:**

The proposed project includes the expansion of Portola High School in the City of Irvine, within the existing campus. Currently, the enrollment capacity is 2,600 students. The proposed project would increase the school's capacity from 2,600 to 3,400 students to accommodate increased enrollment in the future. The proposed project includes the development of a 27,071 square foot education building in the center of the campus. The new building would be 2-stories in height and consist of 14 classrooms, two science classrooms, two teacher collaboration rooms with adjoining conference rooms, four offices, one workroom, two data rooms, two electrical rooms, two main student restrooms, one breakroom, six single use restrooms and two student common areas. The proposed project also includes the addition of 6 portable classrooms to the center of the campus, which would be located to the south of the new building. The placement of the new education building would require the relocation of several sports fields, including: the junior varsity softball field, varsity softball field, material storage, batting/pitching cage, soccer field, practice soccer field, and the shot put. No sports lighting will be added or modified as part of this project. The proposed project would also include associated site improvements to walkways, fencing and utility hook ups. Construction will be conducted in two phases between January 2024 through August 2025. The proposed project will analyze environmental impacts as compared to the 2013 Certified SEIR, which will be referred to as Certified SEIR in this addendum.

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This is to advise that the Irvine Unified School District has approved the above described  
( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

project on February 6, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:  
(Date)

1. The project [  will  will not ] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [  were  were not ] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [  was  was not ] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [  was  was not ] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [  were  were not ] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the SEIR with comments and responses and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Irvine Unified School District  
Facilities and Construction  
2015 Roosevelt  
Irvine, CA 92620

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature (Public Agency) and Title

CBO/Assistant  
Superintendent of  
Business Services

February 6, 2024  
Date