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SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
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From: Sunnyvale School District
825 West Iowa Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Project Title: Cherry Chase Elementary School Campus Modifications

Project Location: Cherry Chase Elementary School, 1138 Heatherstone Way

Project Location – City: Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sunnyvale School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sunnyvale School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rob Smiley

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Description of Project: The Sunnyvale School District proposes to make improvements to the existing Cherry Chase Elementary School campus. The proposed project is focused at the southeastern corner of the campus, at the intersection of Grape Avenue and Hudson Way. The project proposes to demolish and remove two portable classroom buildings (containing four kindergarten classrooms), portions of sidewalk and other paved areas, a play structure and landscaping, and construct one building containing six kindergarten classrooms. The project would result in a net increase of two kindergarten classrooms. New landscaping, sidewalks, and a play structure are also proposed by the project.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed improvements at the Cherry Chase Elementary School campus:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to existing public and private facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Class 14 – Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Class 30 - Section 15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances: Any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release of hazardous waste or substances which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project would replace two portable classroom buildings (containing four classrooms) with one permanent classroom building (containing six classrooms) on the Cherry Chase Elementary School campus. The project would result in a net increase of two classrooms but would not increase enrollment by more than 25 percent or 10 net new classrooms. The project also proposes other minor improvements, including constructing a new play structure and sidewalk and planting new landscaping. The project would not introduce a new use to the Cherry Chase Elementary School campus and would result in a negligible increase in capacity.

Per section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, it has been determined that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site, does not contain environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern, would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect a historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.



Lead Agency Representative: Rob Smiley, Chief Operations Officer

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