

**BEFORE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 49/2019-2020
DETERMINING THE WARREN LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION
PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ACT AND APPROVING THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Inglewood Unified School District (“District”) has developed the Warren Lane Elementary School (“Warren Lane”) Consolidation Project (“Project”) for the consolidation of Warren Lane ES primarily with other District schools with excess capacity able to absorb current Warren Lane students including Centinela TK-6 Elementary School (“Centinela”), Woodworth Monroe TK-8 School (“Woodworth”), George Crozier Middle School (“Crozier”) and Kelso Elementary School (“Kelso”) (collectively referred to as the “Receiving Schools”); and

WHEREAS, Warren Lane is located at 2602 W. 79th Street, Inglewood, California 90305; and

WHEREAS, the Receiving Schools are located throughout the District and will absorb the current Warren Lane students based on proximity, family choice and other relevant factors. Four of the Receiving Schools are located as follows: Centinela is located at 1123 N Marlborough Ave, Inglewood, CA 90302; Woodworth is located at 10711 S 10th Ave, Inglewood, CA 90303; Crozier is located at 120 W Regent St, Inglewood, CA 90301; and Kelso is located at 809 E Kelso St, Inglewood, CA 90301; and

WHEREAS, the District commissioned Davis Demographics to prepare a Student Population Forecast Fall 2019/2020 Report, which includes an assessment of the District’s demographics and projected enrollment over the next seven years (“Study”). Per the Study, the student population in the District is expected to decline over the next seven years. During the 2019 school year, there were approximately 8,203 students enrolled at District schools, and enrollment is expected to decline to 5,993 students by the 2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, Warren Lane has also experienced declining enrollment. It has capacity for 540 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 184 students were enrolled, which is approximately 34% of its student capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Receiving Schools are also experiencing low enrollment; and, for example,

WHEREAS, Centinela has capacity for 1,020 students, but in the 2019 school year, only 529 students were enrolled, which is 51% of its student capacity; and

WHEREAS, Woodworth has capacity for 1,312 students, but in the 2019 school year, only 690 students were enrolled, which is approximately 52% of its student capacity; and

WHEREAS, Crozier has capacity for 612 students, but in the 2019 school year, only 450 students were enrolled, which is approximately 73% of its capacity; and

WHEREAS, Kelso has capacity for 690 students, but in the 2019 school year, only 448 students were enrolled, which is approximately 64% of its capacity; and

WHEREAS, consolidating Warren Lane will enhance the quality of the curricula and educational programs and opportunities at the Receiving Schools and Districtwide by transferring much needed funding, resources and programs from Warren Lane, which will benefit all students of the District; and

WHEREAS, District staff has conducted community engagements and outreach regarding the consolidation from Warren Lane parents and the community, including a public community meeting; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of the Project, the District must ensure the Project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, the Project meets the definition of Public Resources Code section 21080.18; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, Warren Lane has an enrollment of 184 students for the 2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, Centinela has a total capacity of 1020 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 529 students, and available capacity of 491 students; and

WHEREAS, Woodworth has a total capacity of 1,312 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 690 students, and available capacity of 622 students; and

WHEREAS, Crozier has a total capacity for 612 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 450 students, and available capacity of 162 students; and

WHEREAS, Kelso has a total capacity for 690 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 448 students, and available capacity of 242 students; and

WHEREAS, per the Study, the other potential Receiving Schools all have excess capacity, and therefore, the Project will not increase original student capacity by a net of 10 classrooms or 25%; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides that if unusual circumstances exist, an otherwise categorically exempt project would be disqualified from being exempt; and

WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances that would negate the Class 14 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines Class 14 Categorical Exemption section 15314 and Public Resources Code section 21080.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Administrator of the Inglewood Unified School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15314) because the Warren Lane ES enrollment of 184 students may be absorbed into Centinela, Woodworth, Crozier, and Kelso, without exceeding their available capacities.

Section 3. There are no unusual circumstances that this Project would cause a potentially significant environmental impact.

Section 4. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

Section 5. The Project is approved.

Section 6. The County Administrator or her designee is directed to carry out all necessary actions to implement the Resolution.


Section 7. The County Administrator or her designee is authorized and directed to file and/or record a Notice of Exemption from CEQA, consistent with this Resolution, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2020, by the County Administrator of the Inglewood Unified School District of Los Angeles County, California.

CERTIFICATION

I, Erika F. Torres, Ed.D, MSW Clerk of the Inglewood Unified School District, Los Angeles County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the County Administrator of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 12th day of June, 2020, with a copy of the Resolution being on file in the Administrative Office of the District.


Clerk, of the Inglewood Unified
School District

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A Notice of Exemption

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway Rm 1201

Norwalk, California 90650

From: (Public Agency): Inglewood Unified School District
401 S Inglewood Avenue

Inglewood, CA 90301

(Address)

Project Title: Warren Lane Elementary School Consolidation Project

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

2602 W. 79th Street

Project Location - City: Inglewood

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The District approved the Project on June 12, 2020, which includes consolidating and reassigning 184 students currently attending Warren Lane ES primarily to Centinela ES, Woodworth K-8 school, George Crozier MS, and Kelso Elementary School.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: N/A

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inglewood Unified School District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15314, Class 14 Minor additions to schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.18

Reasons why project is exempt:

The reassignment of Warren Lane students to other schools is statutorily exempt under PRC section 21080.18. The indirect effects of the school consolidation are categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines, section 15314. Centinela has capacity for 1,020 students with only 529 enrolled. Woodworth has capacity for 1,312 students with only 690 enrolled. Crozier has capacity for 612 students with 450 enrolled. Kelso has capacity for 690 students with 448 enrolled. See attached Resolution.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erika F. Torres, Ed.D, MSW

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-419-2700

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Erika F. Torres Date: 6/12/20 Title: County Administrator

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Special (Virtual) Board Meeting
June 12, 2020 3:00 PM
Dr. Ernest Shaw Board Room
401 S. Inglewood Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90301

Agenda Item: **10.a.3. Adopt Resolution 49/2019-200, Determining the Warren Lane Elementary School Consolidation Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Project**

Speaker: Christine M.I. Dacanay, Chief Business Official

Recommended Motion: Administration recommends that the County Administrator adopt Resolution No. 49/2019-2020, determining the Warren Lane Elementary School Consolidation Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approving the Project.

Rationale: All Board Resolutions must be approved by the County Administrator. The Inglewood Unified School District (“District”) has developed the Warren Lane Elementary School (“Warren Lane”) Consolidation Project (“Project”) for the consolidation of Warren Lane with all District schools with excess capacity including and primarily with Centinela TK-6 Elementary School (“Centinela”) Woodworth Monroe TK-8 School (“Woodworth”), George Crozier Middle School (“Crozier”) and Kelso Elementary School (“Kelso”) (collectively referred to herein as the “Receiving Schools”).

While the Receiving Schools will be the primary schools that students will be transferred to, the District has school choice policy that allows parents to choose to enroll their students in a District school of choice, as long as there is existing available capacity.

Warren Lane is located at 2602 W. 79th Street, Inglewood, California 90305. The primary Receiving Schools are located as follow: Centinela is located at 1123 N Marlborough Ave, Inglewood, CA 90302; Woodworth is located at 10711 S 10th Ave, Inglewood, CA 90303; Crozier is located at 120 W Regent St, Inglewood, CA 90301; and Kelso is located at 809 E Kelso St, Inglewood, CA 90301. Other Receiving Schools are located throughout the District.

The District commissioned Davis Demographics to prepare a Student Population Forecast, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, which includes an assessment of the District’s demographics and projected enrollment over the next seven years (“Study”). Per the Study, the student population in the District is expected to decline over the next seven years. During the 2019 school year, there were approximately 8,203 students enrolled in the District, and enrollment is expected to decline to 5,993 students by the 2026 school year.

Warren Lane has experienced declining enrollment. It has capacity for 540 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 184 students were enrolled, which is approximately 34% of its student capacity. The Receiving Schools are also experiencing low enrollment. Centinela has capacity for 1,020 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 529 students were enrolled which is 51% of its capacity. Woodworth has capacity for 1,312 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 690 students were enrolled which is approximately 52% of its student capacity. Crozier has capacity for 612 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 450 students were enrolled, which is approximately 73% of its capacity. Kelso has capacity for 690 students, but as of the 2019 school year, only 448

students were enrolled, which is approximately 64% of its capacity. Per the Study, all other potential Receiving Schools are experiencing low enrollment and can absorb Warren Lane students as required.

In order to focus its revenues and resources to continue to improve the facilities, programs, and support for students at the District's schools, and other facilities, consolidating Warren Lane with the Receiving Schools will enhance, Districtwide, the quality of the curricula and educational programs, which are currently dispersed over a number of the Receiving Schools.

District staff has conducted community engagements and outreach regarding the consolidation to seek input from Warren Lane parents and the community. Such outreach includes meetings with labor partners, teachers, and parents via mailed correspondence, emails, and phone calls, and a public community meeting to further receive input.

Rationale: Prior to commencement of the Project, the District must ensure the Project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The Project meets the definition of Public Resources Code section 21080.18. The District determined, through its own independent review and analysis that the Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption per CEQA Guidelines sections 15314 and is exempt from CEQA, as set forth in the Resolution.

Per the Minor Additions to Schools Class 14 Categorical Exemption in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less, is exempt from CEQA.

Here, Warren Lane has an enrollment of 184 students for the 2019 school year, and the Receiving Schools have surplus capacity, and are capable of absorbing Warren Lane students. Centinela has a total capacity of 1,020 students, with a 2019 school year enrollment of 529 students, and an available capacity of 491 students. Woodworth has a total capacity of 1,312 students, with a 2019 school year enrollment of 690 students, and an available capacity of 622 students. Crozier has a total capacity for 612 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 450 students, and available capacity of 162 students. Kelso has a total capacity for 690 students, with a 2019 enrollment of 448 students, and available capacity of 242 students. Per the Study, all other potential Receiving Schools have capacity within the categorical exemption guidelines. The absorption of Warren Lane's students to the Receiving Schools would not increase the capacity of those schools by greater than 25% or 10 classrooms. Thus, the Project meets the definition of a Class 14 Categorical Exemption.

CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides that if unusual circumstances exist, an otherwise categorically exempt project would be disqualified from being exempt. There are no known unusual circumstances that would except the Project from the Class 14 Categorical Exemption.

Once a project is determined to be exempt, the project is no longer subject to either the procedural or substantive requirements of CEQA and the project may proceed immediately. Thus, CEQA review would be complete should the Board determine that

the Project is exempt and approve the Project. The Project could immediately begin thereafter.

Should the Board adopt the Resolution, the Project will be finally approved, and District staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

Attachments:

Notice of Exemption

Resolution No. 49/2019-2020

Student Population Forecast