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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

**PROJECT TITLE:** Beaumont High School Expansion

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Beaumont Unified School District (District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Beaumont High School Expansion project pursuant to the California Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. (CEQA Statute) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines). The purpose of the Notice of Availability notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is within the main campus of Beaumont High School at 39139 Cherry Valley Boulevard, City of Beaumont, County of Riverside (Assessor's Parcel Number 403-200-011).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Physical improvements would occur on the north half of the main campus; no changes to the athletic complex. Campus work would include demolition and removal, new construction, and reconfiguration on about 34 acres of the 62-acre main campus.

### ■ Demolition and Removal

- Roundabout entry drive
- A portion of Parking Lot E and all of Lot D
- Turf athletic fields
- 8 basketball courts & 8 tennis courts

### ■ New Construction

- Entry plaza and walkway along drop-off/pick-up zone
- Lunch shelter
- Two 25,000 sf 2-story classroom buildings with 42 classrooms and up to 1,344 seats—with open courtyard between buildings.
  - The first building would have 18 classrooms (up to 576 students at 32/classroom) and a room dedicated to teacher office space. Of the 18 classrooms, 11 would be for instruction for all six periods each day.
  - The second building would have 24 standard classrooms (up to 768 students) and administrative space.

- The school currently has 2,990 students and has seats for an 3,880 students. The goal is to house up to 5,244 students.

■ **Reconfigured Parking and Circulation**

- Lot E would be expanded to the south to provide an additional 225 spaces (total of 455 spaces). A new driveway along Cherry Valley Boulevard would provide a second access point for students and would relieve congestion at the main entry stop light. The new driveway would be approximately 200 feet west of the school's existing driveway on Cherry Valley Boulevard. A "No Left Turn" sign would be installed on westbound Cherry Valley Boulevard to prohibit left turns into the new driveway. The driveway would be designated as "enter-only" and would only accommodate eastbound right turns.
- Lot D would be moved north and increased by 15 spaces (total of 199 spaces). This lot would have the entry drive and the drop-off/pick-up zone around the outside.
- Driveway on Cherry Valley Boulevard (2-lane entry, 3-lane exit) would be extended to provide significantly more stacking and a longer drop-off/pick-up zone; lane configuration would be the same.

■ **Reconfigured Athletic Facilities**

The fields and courts would be reconfigured for better access, space and supervision

- Baseball and 2 softball practice fields
- Running track
- 2 soccer fields
- 8 basketball courts and 8 tennis courts

Other school facilities would remain the same, and no changes to operations, school-related events, or community use would occur.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The District addressed the potentially significant effects of the project-related to Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Noise in Chapter 5 of the Draft EIR, and 17 other environmental topics in Chapter 8. The Draft EIR analysis determined that the proposed project would result in significant environmental impacts to Air Quality, but could be mitigated to less than significant with implementation of project-specific measures. Hazardous Materials Statement: The project site is not listed on any list of hazardous waste sites prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is from **July 27, 2020, to September 10, 2020**. The Draft EIR is available for review on BUSD website: [https://www.beaumontusd.us/apps/pages/Facilities\\_Projects](https://www.beaumontusd.us/apps/pages/Facilities_Projects).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person and send your comments to: Beaumont Unified School District, Facilities Planning Department, 350 W. Brookside Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223-0187 ATTN: Lisa Hendrix, Director of Facilities. Comments can also be sent by e-mail to [lhendrix@beaumontusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:lhendrix@beaumontusd.k12.ca.us). Please include "CEQA Beaumont HS" in the subject line. If you require additional information, please contact Lisa Hendrix at (951) 845-1631 ext. 005374.

**BOARD HEARING:** The Beaumont Unified School District Board of Trustees will consider the proposed project and certification of the Final EIR at a meeting tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2020, at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing will be held at the Educational Support Facility Board Room, 350 W. Brookside Avenue, Beaumont. Be sure to verify whether the meeting will be in-person or online by visiting the webpage listed below.

Please confirm the date and time of the meeting by checking the District website at [https://www.beaumontusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=978910&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1298642](https://www.beaumontusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=978910&type=d&pREC_ID=1298642)