

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District  
12820 Pioneer Boulevard  
Norwalk, CA 90650

County Clerk  
County of Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

Closure of Los Coyotes Middle School  
Project Title

14640 Mercado Avenue  
Project Location - Specific

La Mirada  
Project Location - City

Los Angeles  
Project Location - County

The project consists of the closure of Los Coyotes MS and transferring Los Coyotes MS students to Benton and Hutchinson MS. To accommodate the relocation of students from Los Coyotes MS, a temporary modular classroom building will be constructed at Benton MS and four classroom buildings will be constructed at Hutchinson MS. With the construction of the five classroom buildings, there will be adequate capacity at Benton and Hutchinson MS to house the estimated 384 students from Los Coyotes Middle School. Improvements will occur on campus, and no off-site improvements will be included as part of the project. The District and educational community will benefit financially from the elimination of excess student capacity.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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Exempt Status: (check one below)

- 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: Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Addition to Schools

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC Section 21080.18

The project includes the closure of Los Coyotes MS and students from Los Coyotes MS will be relocated to Benton MS and Hutchinson MS. A temporary modular classroom building will be constructed at Benton MS and four classroom buildings will be constructed at Hutchinson MS. Closure of a school is exempt from CEQA under PRC Section 21080.18 where the schools receiving relocated students do not require an expansion of student capacity exceeding 25 % of original student capacity or the addition of more than ten classrooms (Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Addition to Schools). The transfer of Los Coyotes MS students to Benton MS and Hutchinson requires a total addition of five classroom (1 at Benton and 4 at Hutchinson). The project qualifies for an exemption as the school closure is exempt under PRC Section 21080.18 and the minor improvements needed to accommodate student transfers to Benton MS and Hutchinson MS qualify for a Class 14 categorical exemption.

No off-campus improvements will occur. No changes in facility use would occur; therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15314. The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Office, 12820 Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Contact Person:

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If filed by applicant:

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

Date

Received for

Filing:

Signature:

12/22/2020  


Title:

