

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN INITIAL STUDY/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

April 2, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Marcos Unified School District is the Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The District is seeking public and agency input on the contents of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at <https://www.smusd.org>. Comments on the Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent to the following address listed below and should reference Richland Elementary School Reconstruction Project IS/MND.

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Richland Elementary School Reconstruction Project IS/MND. The Project would reconfigure uses on the Project site to locate open lawn/fields along Borden Road and consolidate buildings toward the northeastern portion of the Project site. The parking area would be moved from the southern portion of the Project site to the eastern portion of the Project site. Overall, the Project would maintain the same overall capacity, consolidate the number of buildings, slightly increase the total square footage of buildings through the introduction of one new classroom for a Maker's Space and interior corridors, and add 36 parking space.

The Project includes the following components:

- Demolition of the existing school buildings
- Construction of five new buildings, as follows:
 - Three single-story
 - Two, 2-story buildings
- 91,477 square feet (including internal hallways)
- 44 classrooms, including a new Maker's Space
- Reconfiguration of parking and drop off areas for 117 parking spaces
- New play structures, play fields, and a raised garden area.

Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than **May 3, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. (a 30 day public review period).

For additional information, please contact Tova Corman at (760) 290-2650 or by e-mail at tova.corman@smusd.org.