

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Cypress School District  
 9470 Moody Street  
 Cypress, CA 90630

Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
 County Administration South Building  
 601 North Ross Street  
 Santa Ana, CA 32701

**Project Title:** 2021 MOTT Small Addition at Swain School Project  
**Project Location - Specific:** 5851 Newman Street  
**Project Location - City:** Cypress  
**Project Location - County:** Orange

**Description of Project:**

Cypress School District ("District") proposes to install a small metal garage building on the property located at 5851 Newman Street, Cypress, California 90630, known as the District's former Swain Elementary School Site ("Property") to support the Property's use by the District's Maintenance/Operations, Transportation, and Technology department (the "Project").

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Cypress School District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Cypress School District

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(a)(1); 15268(b));
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State Type and section number: Small New Construction [15303], Accessory Structures [15311], Minor Additions to School Sites [15314]
- General Exemption:
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The exempt status of the Project is provided through Sections 15061(b)(3), 15303, 15311, and 15314 which provide that: (1) CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and, as such, an activity is not subject to CEQA where it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; (2) projects are exempt from CEQA if they involve the construction and location of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures; (3) projects are exempt from CEQA if they involve construction or placement of minor structures accessory to, or appurtenant to, existing institutional facilities and (5) projects consisting of minor additions to school sites. The Project involves a minor addition to the Property to support its use. The Property is not located in an area of statewide, regional, or area-wide concern identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15206(b)(4). The Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Project will not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Timothy McLellan, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Business Services  
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**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:  Date: 4/14/2021 Title: Assistant Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency                      Date received for filing at OPR:                       Signed by Applicant