

## 10. Growth-Inducing Impacts of the Proposed Project

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Pursuant to Sections 15126(d) and 15126.2(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this section is provided to examine ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Also required is an assessment of other projects that would foster other activities that could affect the environment, individually or cumulatively. To address this issue, potential growth-inducing effects will be examined through analysis of the following questions:

- Would this project remove obstacles to growth, e.g., through the construction or extension of major infrastructure facilities that do not presently exist in the project area, or through changes in existing regulations pertaining to land development?
- Would this project result in the need to expand one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service?
- Would this project encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment?
- Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?

Please note that growth-inducing effects are not to be construed as necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment. This issue is presented to provide additional information on ways in which this project could contribute to significant changes in the environment, beyond the direct consequences of the campus improvements examined in the preceding sections of this environmental impact report (EIR).

**Would this project remove obstacles to growth, e.g., through the construction or extension of major infrastructure facilities that do not presently exist in the project area, or through changes in existing regulations pertaining to land development?**

The project site and its surrounding area are developed with urban uses, and implementation of the proposed project would require connection to the existing wet and dry infrastructure in the vicinity of the project site. The proposed project would not construct or extend major infrastructure that do not presently exist in the project area. The project site under Options 1 and 3 already contain a high school and Option 2 would place an elementary school adjacent to an existing high school. The proposed project would not result in major land use development that require changes to existing regulations pertaining to land development. Although

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various improvements would be provided by the proposed project, they are not obstacles to growth that the proposed project would be removing. Therefore, the project would not result in this growth-inducing impact.

### **Would this project result in the need to expand one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service?**

The proposed project would serve the existing Eastside Neighborhood students that are currently being transported to other schools outside of Eastside Neighborhood. These students are already being served by police and fire services. The proposed project would be developed in accordance with the latest Fire Code and would not necessitate an expansion of fire services to maintain the desired level of service. The need for police service expansion is generally related to the area's population increase, and not from the development of an elementary school that provides an essential public service. The proposed project would not result in this growth-inducing impact.

### **Would this project encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment?**

During construction, a slight increase in the number of design, engineering, and construction-related jobs would be created. This would last until the project's construction is completed and would be a direct, but temporary, employment increase. The proposed project is intended to serve the existing educational needs of the students within the District's independent attendance boundaries and would require additional faculty and staff employment during operation. However, the creation of these temporary and permanent employment opportunities is not anticipated to result in significant physical environmental effects. The proposed project is not anticipated to encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment.

### **Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?**

The project site and its surrounding area include both developed and vacant properties. Pressures to develop other land in the surrounding area would derive from regional economic conditions and market demands for housing, commercial, and industrial land uses that are not directly or indirectly influenced by the proposed development of an elementary school that serves the existing students within Eastside Neighborhood. Approval of the project would not, therefore, involve a precedent-setting action that could be applied to other properties and thereby encourage or facilitate growth that would not otherwise occur.