

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Huntington Beach City School District
8750 Dorsett Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

County Clerk
County of Orange
601 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Sowers Middle School Project
Project Title

93000 Indianapolis Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92840
Project Location - Specific

Huntington Beach
Project Location - City

Orange
Project Location - County

The District plans to reconfigure and modernize Sowers Middle School by removing all existing structures and building new classroom, administration, gymnasium, locker room buildings. Thirty-seven teaching spaces will be removed and replaced with thirty new teaching spaces, resulting in a net decrease in student capacity. The project includes the reconfiguration of the playfields, courts, shade structures, and solar arrays on the campus. Additionally, the District proposes reconfiguring the two existing parking lots and expanding the drop-off/pick-up aisle to enhance pedestrian safety and vehicular circulation.

The modernized school buildings and recreational space will benefit students and teachers and the proposed enhancements of the parking lots and drive aisle will improve community safety.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Huntington Beach City School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Huntington Beach City School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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. CEQA Section 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction.

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The project involves the reconstruction of an existing middle school campus. Thirty-seven classrooms will be removed and replaced with 30 teaching spaces, a reduction of seven classrooms. As the project would serve the same function with no greater student capacity on the same site, the project is exempt under § 15302.

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: _____ Title: _____