



SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Sunnyvale School District  
825 West Iowa Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**Project Title:** Vargas Elementary School Playground Refurbishments

**Project Location:** Vargas Elementary School, 1054 Carson Drive

**Project Location – City:** Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**Project Location – County:** Santa Clara County

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

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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brandt Burns

**Phone Number:** (408) 522-8200 x1060

**Description of Project:** The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) proposes to replace some of the existing playground components, install new playground equipment, and add new playground matting at the Vargas Elementary School campus.

**Exempt Status:** One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

*Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities:* Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

*Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction:* Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

*Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land:* Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

*Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures:* Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities including on-premises signs.

*Class 14 – Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools:* Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed playground refurbishments at Vargas Elementary School would not introduce a new use onto the campus or result in an enrollment increase. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the project is not located on a hazardous waste site and the project would not affect environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern, result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect a historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** Brandt Burns, Director of Facilities and Operations

**Date:** May 1, 2023