



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:** Sunnyvale Middle School Master Plan

**Project Location:** Sunnyvale Middle School, 1080 Mango Drive

**Project Location – City:** Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**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

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**Description of Project:** The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) proposes to reaffirm and implement the first phase of the Sunnyvale Middle School Master Plan (Master Plan). In addition to completing site-wide modernization and deferred maintenance to existing school facilities and utilities, the Master Plan includes constructing classroom and locker room buildings along with numerous other improvements such as reconfiguring existing buildings and student drop-off areas. The first phase of the Master Plan would replace 17 existing temporary classrooms on the campus with a new 21-classroom, two-story building. Although the first phase would result in a net increase of four classrooms on the campus, upon full implementation of the Master Plan there would be a net increase of one classroom on the campus compared to existing conditions.

**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 Sunnyvale Middle School Master Plan would not introduce a new use onto the campus or result in substantial enrollment increase. Although full implementation of the Master Plan would result in a net increase of one classroom on the campus, the first phase of development would result in a net increase of four classrooms. Conservatively assuming a net increase of four classrooms and using the school’s current average of 33.3 students per classroom, the project is estimated to increase student capacity by approximately 11 percent, from approximately 1,200 students to approximately 1,333 students. Therefore, planned development under the Master Plan would be exempt under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools. 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 an historical 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:**