



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – EQUIVALENT
AND SOIL REMOVAL PLAN**



TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: James A. Garfield High School Major Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Comment Period for Preliminary Environmental Assessment-Equivalent (PEA-E) and Soil Removal Plan (SRP)

Notice is hereby given that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the James A. Garfield High School Major Modernization Project (proposed Project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statutes] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the conclusions of the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed Project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment after the implementation of mitigation measures and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with CCR Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073, as amended. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment – Equivalent (PEA-E) and a Soil Removal Plan (SRP) has been prepared for the proposed Project and is available for review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 19.3-acre Garfield High School (HS) campus is located at 5101 East Sixth Street in East Los Angeles, an unincorporated area within Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project is designed to address the most critical physical concerns of the buildings and grounds at Garfield HS through building replacement, renovation, and modernization to provide facilities that are safe, secure, and better aligned with the current instructional program. The proposed Project includes the demolition of two permanent buildings and two portable buildings, demolition of a second-story pedestrian bridge, construction of a staff parking lot, and construction of a new permanent building that provides adequate learning spaces and support areas. Additionally, the proposed Project includes upgrades to and replacement of aging utilities and infrastructure, Internet Protocol (IP) convergence, and new landscaping and hardscaping. Limited modernization of existing structures including accessible facilities consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and seismic retrofit pursuant to California Assembly Bill 300 would also be implemented. The PEA-E and SRP presents the findings of the site assessment investigations performed for this proposed Project. The campus is not on any of the lists compiled under Government Code Section 65926.5.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS-MND, PEA-E, and SRP are available electronically for public review at the locations listed below.

- Garfield High School (Main Office) - 5101 E 6th St, East Los Angeles, CA 90022
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety websites:
 - CEQA IS-MND (<https://www.lausd.org/ceqa>)
 - PEA-E and SRP (<https://www.lausd.org/siteassessment>)
- California State Clearinghouse (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>)

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS-MND (prepared pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 15073[a]), PEA-E, and SRP are available for public review and comment from April 17, 2024 to May 17, 2024.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

CEQA and PEA-E Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Christy Wong, CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

Please include "Garfield HS Major Mod" in the subject line.

COMMENT MEETING: LAUSD will hold a virtual public meeting on **May 8, 2024 at 6:00pm. Please connect via Zoom or by phone:**

- Zoom Online Meeting Link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/811131182486>; Zoom Online Webinar Meeting ID #: **811 3118 2486**
- Phone # Dial In: +1 213-338-8477; ID# **811 3118 2486**

All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

LAUSD BOARD HEARING: Additional information concerning the proposed Project will be posted on the District's OEHS website: <https://www.lausd.org/ceqa>. The LAUSD Board of Education (Board) will consider this item during a scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD Board website to find the meeting date and time at <https://www.lausd.org/boe>.