

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency:	Santa Clara Unified School District
Project Title:	Westwood Elementary School Master Plan Project
Project Location:	435 Saratoga Avenue, Santa Clara, California 95050
Project Applicant:	Santa Clara Unified School District

The Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) finding that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect because design features, best management practices, and mitigation measures incorporated into the project will avoid potentially significant impacts. The District is the Lead Agency and proponent for the project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, SCUSD will provide this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Notice of Intent) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, the Santa Clara County Clerk, and the State Clearinghouse. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to the public by mailing it to the name and address of all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing and local agencies with interest in the project.

Project Description: The SCUSD has prepared a Master Plan intended to modernize the campus and update facilities for current and projected school needs at Westwood Elementary School. Full buildout of the Master Plan includes replacement of most of the buildings on campus and would ultimately support 27 classrooms and a maximum capacity of 584 students, which represents ten fewer classrooms and 162 fewer students than are currently accommodated, and other on-site improvements. Phase 1 (targeted for completion in Fall 2026) includes: a new multipurpose building, cooking kitchen, shaded outdoor lunch area, kindergarten shade structure, and metal PE shade structure; new drives, parking, and entry plaza; and accessibility, utility, paving, fencing, and roofing improvements. Other future Master Plan improvements include field/blacktop improvements, removal of all portable classrooms on the site, classroom modernization including new kindergarten and preschool classroom buildings, a two-story classroom building, additional student support spaces, maker space, an administration building, shade structures, and additional drives and parking lot reconfiguration. Currently, funding has only been identified for Phase 1 with other improvements identified in the Master Plan to be completed as funding becomes available for each phase. No new uses are proposed by the project.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence **August 28, 2024** and continue through **September 27, 2024**. Interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document, which must be received by SCUSD no later than 5:00 PM on September 27, 2024.

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Document Availability: Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the SCUSD Facility Development and Planning Office at 3350 Brookdale Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051. An electronic copy of the IS/MND is available to view and download on the SCUSD website: <https://www.santaclarausd.org/about-us/departments/facility-development-and-planning/master-plans/westwood-elementary-master-plan>

Signature:  _____

Date: August 19, 2024