

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Ballico-Cressey School District  
11818 Gregg St  
Ballico, CA 95303

County Clerk  
County of: Merced  
2222 M St  
Merced, CA 95340

(Address)

Project Title: Cressey Elementary School Upgrade Project

Project Applicant: Ballico-Cressey School District

Project Location - Specific:  
9921 Crocker Avenue, Cressey, CA 95312

Project Location - City: Cressey Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
See Attachment A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ballico-Cressey School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bliss Propes, Superintendent

Exempt Status: (check one):

- 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. State type and section number: Class 14: §15314
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes new classrooms within the existing school campus that will not increase the student population or the capacity of the schools by more than 25 percent. Construction of the project will result in an increase of four (4) classrooms

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Bliss Propes / Ruben Solis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 394-9400

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 9-16-24 Title: Administrative Services For School Construction

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

## **Attachment A – Cressey Elementary School Upgrade Project**

### **Project Description and Beneficiaries:**

The Ballico-Cressey School District (District) Cressey Elementary School Upgrade Project (project) is located along Crocker Avenue, between North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Cressey Way in Cressey, Merced County, California.

Cressey Elementary has a current school population of 168 students and 14 staff. The District developed plans to upgrade the existing school because the existing facilities are not Title IV complaint, nor does it meet requirements to appropriately teach Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten (TK/K) curriculum.

This project consists of adding one new pre-manufactured modular building to the school campus. The building consists of a total of four (4) classrooms, each containing a dedicated single accommodation student restroom, and a teacher's workroom. Support spaces include staff and student restroom, electrical, custodial, and storage rooms. The project also includes the addition of concrete paving for access to the building.

The purpose of the project is to bring Cressey Elementary into compliance with California Department of Education (CDE) Title IV regulations and provide new classrooms to create an atmosphere that will provide an enhanced learning and teaching experience and improved safety for staff and students. Construction of the project will result in an increase in capacity of up to 15 percent. Beneficiaries of the project include the students, faculty and staff, the District, the community, and the region.