

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Unified School District
Project Title: Briarwood Elementary School Master Plan Project
Project Location: 1930 Townsend Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95051
Project Proponent: 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 Briarwood Elementary School over the next 30 years. Full buildout of the Master Plan includes classroom modernization, replacement of portable classrooms with permanent classroom buildings, and would ultimately support 23 classrooms and a maximum capacity of 563 students, which represents nine fewer classrooms and 232 fewer students than are currently accommodated, and other on-site improvements. Phase 1 (targeted for completion in Fall 2026) includes: converting two wings into flex, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and preschool classrooms; installation of a new early childhood playground and shade structure, a new shade structure, and a new metal PE shade structure; construction of new drives, parking, and entry plaza; and accessibility, utility, paving, fencing, and roofing improvements. Other future, but currently unfunded Master Plan improvements include a new multipurpose building and kitchen, field improvements, classroom modernization, replacement of portables with permanent buildings, additional student support spaces, makerspace, and administration building.

Public Review Period: a 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence on **December 17, 2024** and continue through **January 23, 2025**. 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 **January 23, 2025**.

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Please send your comments to:

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Or email comments to:
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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/briarwood-elementary-master-plan>

Signature: *Melissa Kersh*

Date: December 13, 2024

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