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NOTICE OF INTENT to Adopt a Negative Declaration

DATE: July 8, 2019

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Charles F. Kettering Elementary School Fencing Plan

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study for the Interim Housing at Charles F. Kettering Elementary School (proposed project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the Initial Study, LBUSD determined that the proposed project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment and a Negative Declaration (ND) is appropriate CEQA compliance document. The LBUSD is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended.

PROJECT LOCATION and DESCRIPTION: The proposed would be installed at Charles F. Kettering Elementary School campus. The approximately 10.32-acre school is at 550 Silvera Avenue, in the southeast portion of the city of Long Beach in Los Angeles County, California.

The entire campus is surrounded by either wrought iron or chain link fencing except for three entry points along the west and south side. The Long Beach Unified School District is proposing to install three sections of fencing and the replace one section, to fully secure the Kettering ES campus. The goal of the project is to increase student and staff safety and security while on campus, and to protect school facilities. With the exception of these changes all remaining fencing would remain in its current condition.

When classes start all gates would be locked and the front administration building door would be closed. All school visitors would be required to ring the buzzer at the front administration building door, and then wait for school staff to grant entry. At the end of the school day the gates and the administration building door would be opened so students can exit the campus. The school campus would be secured and locked-down by the night custodial staff no later than 6:30 PM. On holidays and weekends the school campus would be secured with all gates and doors locked.

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Project Components (from north to south)

1. A 90-foot long section of a 4-foot tall chain-link fence in the northwest corner of the campus, adjacent to the Kindergarten playground, would be replaced with a new 8-foot tall chain-link fence. This section would have two gates.

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- 2. A 60-foot long 8-foot tall ornamental wrought-iron fence with gate would be installed at the main entrance between the classroom building (Building A) on the north and the administration building (Building B) on the south. The concrete walkway would be expanded to provide a flat even surface in front of the two gates.
- 3. A 20-foot long 8-foot tall ornamental wrought-iron fence with gate would be installed between the administration building (Building B) on the north and a classroom building (Building C) on the south. A portion of the concrete walkway that would no longer be needed would be removed.
- 4. South of the classroom building (Building C), a 60-foot long 8-foot tall section of ornamental wroughtiron fence would be installed between the classroom building (Building C) on the west and the existing chain-link fence on the east.

The Kettering ES campus is not known to have hazardous waste because of its history as a school and it is not on lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The fencing would be installed within the existing campus boundaries and would not disturb any offsite properties.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The CEQA document will be available for public review during the 30-day public review period from **July 10, 2019 to August 9, 2019**. Copies of the ND and supporting Initial Study are available for review at:

- Long Beach Unified School District, Facilities Development and Planning Branch, 2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach
- Local Libraries: El Dorado Neighborhood Library, 2900 Studebaker Road, Long Beach 90815 (562) 570-3136 Los Altos Neighborhood Library, 5614 Britton Street, Long Beach 90815 (562) 570-1045 Brewitt Neighborhood Library, 4036 E. Anaheim Street, Long Beach 90804 (562) 570-1040
- District Facilities Department website: <u>www.lbschoolbonds.net</u>

PUBLIC COMMENTS: All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on August 9, 2019. Written comments may be sent by e-mail to Jacquelyn Roberts at JRRoberts@lbschools.net (please include the name of the project in the subject heading) or mailed to:

LBUSD Facilities Development & Planning Branch Attn: Jacquelyn Roberts, Project Manager 2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810

For more information about the project and CEQA compliance contact Jacquelyn Roberts at (562) 997-7550

LBUSD BOARD MEETING: The LBUSD Board of Education will consider this item during a scheduled meeting. Check the LBUSD website to find the meeting date and time at

http://www.lbusd.k12.ca.us/Departments/Board_of_Education/. The Board meeting will be held in the Community Room at the District Administration Building at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach. Agencies, organizations, and interested parties are welcome to attend.