

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MUIR AT ANDERSON SCHOOL WHOLE SITE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

**April 26, 2019** 

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the San Diego Unified School District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Muir at Anderson School Whole Site Modernization Project (Proposed Project).

Project Title: Muir at Anderson School Whole Site Modernization Project

Project Applicant: San Diego Unified School District

**Project Location:** The project site is located at John Muir Language Academy (Muir at Anderson School), situated on an approximately 10-acre, District-owned site located at 4431 Mt. Herbert Avenue in the central part of the City of San Diego, California. The site is not listed on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Project Description:** The Proposed Project includes improvements to existing facilities to provide for and expand a safe and contemporary learning environment in accordance with Propositions S and Z. These improvements include demolition of portable classrooms and a portion of the existing general-use parking lot, and construction of a proposed administration building, kitchen expansion, kindergarten expansion, classroom building, a locker building, and reconfigured parking lots with associated fire lanes. With implementation of the Proposed Project, student capacity would be increased by approximately 359 students, from the existing capacity of 395, for a total capacity of 754 students. The Proposed Project would be completed in phases over multiple years with the first phase scheduled to begin in June 2020 and the last phase anticipated to be completed in December 2022.

**Unmitigable Significant Environmental Effects:** No significant and unmitigable impacts were identified.

**Mitigable Significant Environmental Effects:** Significant impacts were identified for air quality, biological resources, cultural (archaeological) resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), noise, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance, however, feasible mitigation has been identified that would reduce impacts in each of these areas to below a level of significance.

Document Availability: Copies of the IS/MND are available during operating hours at:

- District Facilities Planning and Construction, 4860 Ruffner Street, Annex 5, San Diego CA 92111:
- Muir at Anderson School, 4431 Mt. Herbert Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111
- Balboa Branch Library, 4255 Mt Abernathy Ave, San Diego, CA 92117
- The District website at <a href="http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews">http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews</a>

**Public Review Period:** The public review period of the MND begins on April 26, 2019 and ends on May 15, 2019. Written comments may be sent by email to <a href="mailto:environmental@sandi.net">environmental@sandi.net</a> or mailed to: Paul Garcia, CEQA Project Coordinator, Facilities Planning and Construction, 4860 Ruffner Street, Annex Room 5, San Diego CA 92111. **All comments must be received by 5:00pm on May 15, 2019.** 

**District Board Hearing:** Additional information concerning the Proposed Project will be posted on the District's website: <a href="http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews">http://www.sandiegounified.org/environmental-reviews</a>. The Board of Education will consider this item during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the District website to find the meeting date and time at <a href="http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/sandi/Board.nsf/Public">http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/sandi/Board.nsf/Public</a>. The Board meeting will be held at the Eugene Brucker Education Center Auditorium, 4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA