

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon St, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
1791 W. Acacia Avenue
Hemet, CA 92545

Project Title: Closure of ASPIRE Community Day School

Project Location - Specific: ASPIRE Community Day School, 26866 S. San Jacinto Street, Hemet CA 92543

Project Location - City: Hemet **Project Location - County:** Riverside

Description of Project:

The Project includes the closure of ASPIRE Community Day School and facilities. Current ASPIRE Community Day School students will be distributed to the District's remaining secondary school sites and the Betty G. Gibbel Regional Learning Center. Following extensive analysis by District staff, none of these receptor schools will be adding any new capacity as a result of these movements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(a)(1); 15268(b));
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State Type and section number:
 Minor Alteration to school [15314]
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: Public Resources Code section 21080.18

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The school closure and consequent attendance reconfiguration of the receptor schools will not increase capacity by more than 25% or 10 classrooms at any of the receptor schools in accordance with CEQA Exemption 15314 and Public Resources Code section 21080.18. The Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to the exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Derek Jindra, Assistant Superintendent

Area Code/Telephone/Ext.: (951) 765-5100 x 2000

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:  **Date:** 2/12/2020 **Title:** Asst. Supt.

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

☒ Signed by Applicant

HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2676

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING CLOSURE OF ASPIRE COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL, FINDING THE CLOSURE OF ASPIRE COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND APPROVING THE FILING AND RECORDATION OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Hemet Unified School District ("District") owns and operates school facilities located at 26866 South San Jacinto Street, Hemet, CA 92543, known as ASPIRE Community Day School ("ASPIRE"); and

WHEREAS, the District proposes the closure of ASPIRE and the redistribution of students currently attending ASPIRE to other school sites ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, students currently attending ASPIRE will be redistributed to the Betty G. Gibbel Regional Learning Center, Alessandro Continuation School, Helen Hunt Jackson, Family Tree Learning Center, Hemet Adult School, Santa Fe Education Center, Hamilton High School, Hemet High School, Tahquitz High School, West Valley High School, Western Center Academy, Acacia Middle School, Cottonwood (K-8), Dartmouth Middle School, Diamond Valley Middle School, Hamilton (K-8), Idyllwild (K-8), Rancho Viejo Middle School, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

WHEREAS, the redistribution of students currently attending ASPIRE will not require the District to add new capacity to any of the existing schools that will receive new students as a result of the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of the Project, the District must ensure the Project does not violate the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21080.18 provides that CEQA does not apply to the closing of any school or the transfer of students to other schools as long as any resulting physical changes qualify for an exemption under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 sets forth an exemption from CEQA for minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project will not increase original student capacity of any of the District's schools by a net of ten classrooms or 25%; and

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WHEREAS, intensity of use of the schools involved in the Project will not change significantly; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded, through its own independent review and analysis of the Project, that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption 15314 and Public Resources Code section 21080.18; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Hemet Unified School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. That all of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the Governing Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. That the District approves the closure of ASPIRE and the redistribution of students currently attending ASPIRE to the Betty G. Gibbel Regional Learning Center, Alessandro Continuation School, Helen Hunt Jackson, Family Tree Learning Center, Hamilton High School, Hemet High School, Tahquitz High School, West Valley High School, Western Center Academy, Acacia Middle School, Cottonwood (K-8), Idyllwild (K-8), Rancho Viejo Middle School.,effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Section 3. That the District has considered whether the Project may have significant impacts on the environment.

Section 4. That the District has concluded, after reviewing the Project through its own independent review and analysis, that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Section 5. That the Project will not increase original student capacity at any of the District's schools by more than 25% or ten classrooms.

Section 6. That the Project is subject to CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Section 7. That the only physical changes associated in the Project are categorically exempt from CEQA requirements.

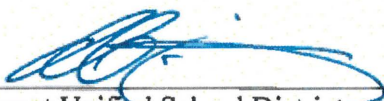
Section 8. That the requirements of CEQA do not apply to the Project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1.

Section 9. That the District's Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is instructed to file and/or record a Notice of Exemption from CEQA, consistent with this Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," with any and all appropriate public agencies or entities, subject only to minor, non-substantive revisions, if necessary.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Hemet Unified School District on the 11th day of February 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 2
ABSTENTIONS: 0
ABSENT: 0



Hemet Unified School District

Attested to:



Clerk of the Governing Board of the
Hemet Unified School District

EXHIBIT "A"

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***VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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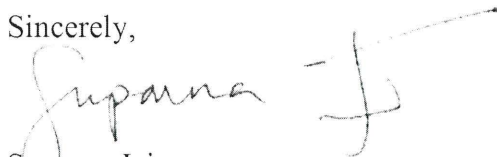
**Re: California Environmental Quality Act- Notice of Exemption- Closure of ASPIRE
Community Day School- 26866 South San Jacinto Street**

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed, please find a Notice of Exemption from Hemet Unified School District ("District") pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the District's closure of ASPIRE Community Day School located at 26866 South San Jacinto Street, Hemet, CA 92543 (the "Project"). We have also included a copy of the District's resolution approving the filing and recordation of the Notice of Exemption for the Project.

We have provided two copies of the Notice of Exemption. Please return one copy of the Notice of Exemption to us indicating the filing and posting dates so we can ensure compliance with all applicable CEQA regulations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 626-773-7664. Thank you for your timely assistance.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Paul Z. McGlocklin, *Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo*
Derek Jindra, *Hemet Unified School District*

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