



**Riverside Unified School District**  
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## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

**PROJECT TITLE:** Arlington High School Modernization and New Construction

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of an Draft Environmental Impact Report

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Arlington High School Modernization project pursuant to the California 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).

The purpose of the Notice of Preparation is to (1) serve as a public notice of an EIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and (2) advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared. The District, as Lead Agency, respectfully requests that any Responsible Agencies responding to this notice respond in a manner consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b). Comments and suggestions should, at a minimum, identify the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be explored in the EIR, in addition to whether the responding agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the proposed project, and any related issues raised by interested parties.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d) and 15082, the District will not be preparing an initial study and will begin work directly on the Draft EIR.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is within the campus of Arlington High School, at 2951 Jackson Street, City of Riverside, County of Riverside (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 233-220-010 and 233-250-001). The 45-acre campus is bounded by Irving Street to the east, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company right-of-way to the north (used by freight, Amtrak, and Metrolink trains), Jackson Street to the west, and Lincoln Avenue to the south.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Riverside Unified School District is planning several changes to Arlington High School. The project includes removal of 7 portable buildings and 8 handball courts; construction of a 10,262-sf Biomed/Special Education building, 8,755-sf Auxiliary Gymnasium, a 2,000-sf concession/restroom building; expansion of the bleachers at the track and field (1,250-seat home side expansion and new 1,000-seat visitor side bleachers) and upgrades to the existing stadium field sports lighting; modernization (interior layout and façade) of the Media Arts Academy building, Administration Building, Student Service Building; and upgrades to the outdoor swimming pool and equipment.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the District has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide agencies, organizations, and interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors that will be analyzed in the Draft EIR are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology & Soils             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology & Water Quality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use & Planning              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Population & Housing             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire                         |  |

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The 30-day public review period for the NOP is from **February 17, 2020, to March 18, 2020**. In accordance with the time limits mandated by State law, if there are any concerns about the scope and content of the information to be addressed in EIR, please send written comments to the District, at the address below, at the earliest possible date but not later than **March 18, 2020**. This NOP is also available at:

- RUSD, Facilities Planning and Development Department (address below)
- RUSD website: <http://bit.ly/ArlingtonEIR>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person and send your comments to:

Riverside Unified School District  
Facilities Planning and Development Office  
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ATTN: Eric Walker, Assistant Director, Planning and Development

Comments can also be sent by e-mail to [ewalker@riversideunified.org](mailto:ewalker@riversideunified.org) Please include "CEQA Arlington HS" in the subject line. If you require additional information, please contact Eric Walker at (951) 788-7496 ext. 84705.