

## FREMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Fremont Union High School District

589 West Fremont Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Project Title: Lynbrook High School Improvements

Project Location: Lynbrook High School, 1280 Johnson Avenue

Project Location – City: San Jose, CA 95129 Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Fremont Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fremont Union High School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Christine Mallery Phone Number: (408) 522-2245

**Description of Project:** The Fremont Union High School District (District) Measure CC Bond projects include various improvements at existing District facilities to serve existing and projected enrollment. At the Lynbrook High School (LHS) campus, the District proposes the following improvements:

- modernizing 81 existing classrooms (e.g., HVAC, lighting, flooring, roofing, technology, furniture, fixtures, and equipment),
- modernizing the existing auditorium building,
- converting the existing natural turf baseball and softball fields to synthetic turf, and
- converting the existing General Student Services (GSS) building to new educational uses, including up to two new classrooms

All proposed project improvements would occur within the boundary of the existing LHS campus.

**Exempt Status:** Section 15314 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Minor Additions to Schools, allows for minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The proposed improvements to the existing LHS campus facilities are relatively minor and would occur within school grounds. The LHS campus currently contains 83 classrooms; therefore, the additional two classrooms proposed by the project would not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or 10 classrooms. For these reasons, the project is exempt under Section 15314, Minor Additions to Schools, of the CEQA Guidelines.

In addition, one or more of the following Categorical Exemptions could be applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to existing public and private facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 3 - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Class 30 - Section 15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release or Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances: Any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release of hazardous waste or substances which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed improvements to LHS are relatively minor and would occur within the boundary of the existing LHS campus. Upon completion of the proposed project, the LHS campus would have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the existing campus. The LHS campus currently contains 83 classrooms; therefore, the additional two classrooms proposed by the project would not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or 10 classrooms.

Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, is not located on a hazardous waste site, would not result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect an historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA.

Lead Agency Representative: Christine Mallery

CBO/Associate Superintendent

Date: March 4, 2020