# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15072 and 15073, this is to advise that the San Juan Unified School District, which is the lead agency overseeing this project, has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project described below.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Arcade Middle School Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The existing Arcade Middle School campus, situated on existing District-owned school property at 3500 Edison Avenue, in the urbanized Arden-Arcade area of unincorporated Sacramento County, CA. The property comprises three parcels totaling 11.24 acres southeast of the intersection of Watt and Edison Avenues.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The existing Arcade Middle School (originally constructed in 1938) would be demolished and the existing District-owned property would be redeveloped with a new, more modern school campus. The new school buildings would be located at the southern end of the property, where one of the outdoor turf playfields is currently located. Approximately 59,000 square feet of new building space would be constructed. New parking would be provided south of Edison Avenue. The proposed project also includes improvements to on-site sewer, water, wastewater, and electrical systems, as necessary, in coordination with the current utility service providers to support modernization of the campus. The project site is on the Cortese List (Section 65962.5 of the Government Code) as a result of soil contamination from an old 600-gallon diesel underground storage tank (UST) that was used to fill a former boiler. Because the UST is underground within a small, fenced courtyard (off limits to students) and surrounding by buildings, it was not possible to remove it without potentially undermining and damaging the adjacent building foundations.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Mitigative Negative Declaration is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15072 and 15073 (California Environmental Quality Act). Your comments may be sent as soon as possible, but no later than **5:00 p.m., October 22, 2022.** If you have no comment, no reply is necessary. The comment period during which the District will receive comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration is:

# Starting Date: September 22, 2022 Ending Date: October 22, 2022

**PUBLIC MEETING:** The Sun Juan Unified School District will make a decision regarding this project and the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration at the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael on October 25th, 2022.

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please send your written comments to:

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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Copies of the project plans and the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review on the District’s website at <https://www.sanjuan.edu/Page/52582>, and at the following locations:

* San Juan Unified School District, 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608

If you require additional information, please contact Nicholas Arps at (916) 971-7700.