

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR SAMUEL M. GANTNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AT 2801 WEST VINE STREET IN THE CITY OF LODI

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, Lodi Unified School District Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Project Title: Samuel M. Gantner Elementary School at 2801 West Vine Street in the City of Lodi

Project Location: 2801 Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240

Project Description:

The Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) is proposing the construction and operation of a new elementary school at 2801 Vine Street, in Lodi, San Joaquin County, California. The proposed school would be located at the northeast corner of Vine Street and Westgate Drive, in the western area of Lodi. The school is initially proposed to serve kindergarten through 6th grade students, with a potential expansion up to 8th grade. The maximum number of students would be approximately 850.

There would be two student drop-off/pick-up areas with one entry and exit driveway on the east side of Westgate Drive, north of Vine Street, and second with entry and exit driveways on Vine Street. The proposed school is anticipated to be constructed in three phases, with the first two phases constructed concurrently, and the third phase constructed in the future when the school expands to approximately 850 students. Phase I construction is anticipated to include seven buildings housing a library, administrative support offices, a multi-purpose room, kitchen, a music room, approximately 19 classrooms, and an outdoor area including basketball courts and a lunch area. Phase 2 is anticipated to provide three buildings with approximately 10 classrooms, and Phase 3 is anticipated with approximately 10 classrooms. Restrooms would also be included with separate facilities for staff and students

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the following physical location:

**Lodi Unified School District
980 North Guild Avenue, Lodi, California 95240**

You may obtain the document in electronic format at www.lodiUSD.net or by emailing the

Facility & Planning – Planning Analyst at akidder@lodiussd.net. To request a PDF version of the document from the Project & Facilities Management Department database, please reference the project title above.

The comment period on the IS/MND is available for the CEQA-required 20 to 30-day public review period beginning **2/14/2026** through **3/16/2026 at 5:00 PM**. Please submit comments to akidder@lodiussd.net, or to:

Amberly Kidder, Planning Analyst, Facility & Planning
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(209) 331-7225 Ext. 812003

On **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**, the public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as practicable thereafter, at the James Areida Education Support Center, located at 1305 E. Vine Street in Lodi, California. The public hearing will be held in person. Instructions for public comments are on the Board's webpage, and any written comments must be submitted to the District's Business Services Office no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the public hearing.