

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
For Lynwood Middle School Modernization Project  
Public Review Period: 30 days**

**Notice.** Notice is hereby given that the Novato Unified School District, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project. The project applicant is Novato Unified School District (NUSD).

**Description.** The NUSD proposes to modernize the existing Lynwood School. The modernization includes the following elements:

- Modernize classrooms and restrooms (interior modifications)
- Replace concrete paving for accessibility
- Remove existing kitchen and replace with new warming kitchen (400 sq. ft. addition to existing multi-purpose building)
- New pedestrian sidewalk from Leafwood Drive to drop-off plaza
- Modernize multipurpose and administrative buildings (interior)
- Fire alarm system upgrade
- Reconfigure and re-stripe parking
- Reconfigure new drop-off traffic flow at Leafwood Drive; new drop-off plaza with landscape design

The proposed new drop-off and pick-up area would be primarily via a new one-way-in access off of Leafwood Drive, with reconfigured staff parking stalls. A secondary access from Lynwood Drive would remain. The number of parking spaces in the drop-off area would change from 48 spaces to approximately 53 spaces, with the addition of the Leafwood lot staff parking, which would be signed for school use only from 7am to 5 pm, week days.

**Potential Impacts.** The proposed project has the potential to impact geology and soils, and noise during construction. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this document, potential significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced, or rectified to a level that is less than significant. The project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to cumulative impacts from similar projects nearby.

**Environmental Review.** The Novato Unified High School District, together with its consultants, has prepared an Initial Study and proposed draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The document is available for review at the following location:

Novato Unified School District  
1015 Seventh Street  
Novato, CA 94954 (415) 493-4588  
<https://nUSD.org>

The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be accessed from the NUSD website, <https://nUSD.org/bond-information/>. Persons interested in reviewing or receiving the documents may also contact Theresa Novotny at: (707) 933-0624

Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received *in writing* by the end of the review period, which is December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Submit comments to:  
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