

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County of: Los Angeles
 12400 Imperial Highway
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From: (Public Agency): _____
Long Beach Unified School District

2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach CA 90810

 (Address)

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ON December 06 2024

UNTIL January 06 2025

Project Title: Butler HVAC

Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

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Project Location - Specific: Butler Middle School 1400 E 20th St, Long Beach, CA 90806

Please see Attachment A for project location.

Project Location - City: Long Beach Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of replacing Buildings 100, 200 and Cafeteria/MPR's existing HVAC. The project will also include installing a school marquee and acoustical panels in the 2nd floor hallway.



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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Long Beach Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Long Beach Unified School District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1:15301;
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The scope of work includes Buildings 100, 200 and Cafeteria/MPR's existing HVAC. The project will also include installing a school marquee and acoustical panels in the 2nd floor hallway. This will not increase student capacity. Therefore, the application of Class 1 categorical exemption is appropriate for the Proposed Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dana Grudem Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-997-7550

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *Dana Grudem* Date: 12.5.24 Title: Senior Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

**LBUSD Butler HVAC
Notice of Exemption (NOE)
Butler MS**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to replace Buildings 100, 200 and Cafeteria/MPR's existing HVAC. The project will also include installing a school marquee and acoustical panels in the 2nd floor hallway.

Project Location

Butler MS is located at 1400 E 20th St, Long Beach, CA 90806. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is directly north of Rte 1. The school site is bounded by 20th Street to the north, Orange Avenue to the west, Rte 1 to the south, and Alamitos Avenue to the east.

Description of Project

This project consists of the following:

- Replace Building 100 and 200's HVAC Units
- Replace exterior ductwork at Building 100
- Clean interior ductwork at Building 100 and 200
- Installation of new controls for mechanical units
- Installation of acoustical panels in Building 100's second floor hallway
- Installation of freestanding marquee

Reasons why project is exempt

The proposed activity is a project subject to CEQA. However, it is exempt from further environmental analysis under Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301). Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The Proposed Project will not result in significant environmental impacts and is exempt from further review under the conditions in Article 19. Therefore, the application of Class 1 categorical exemption is appropriate for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Consequently, as documented below, the Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review.

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- (a) **Location.** The Project site has not been designated as a biologically sensitive site or a location and does not contain sensitive resources or habitat that will be impacted by the Project. The Project will occur on an existing campus that is located within an urban setting
- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** The Project will not be expected to result in significant cumulative environmental impacts. There are no known successive projects of the same type or scale planned for the site.
- (c) **Significant Effect.** All aspects of this project are considered routine and will occur within school grounds and in building interiors. Also, normal operations will be similar and consistent with current uses within the project boundary. The proposed project is located within a disturbed, urbanized environment in Long Beach. The proposed project will not involve the removal of any vegetation or scenic trees, nor would it impact any scenic vistas in the immediate area. No reasonable possibility exists that the Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. This exception does not apply to this Project.
- (d) **Scenic Highways.** California State Route 1 sits directly below Butler Middle School. While it is designated a historic highway, the section close to Butler MS is not (Caltrans 2022).
- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** The Project will occur on an existing school campus, which is not on any list of hazardous waste sites. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.
- (f) **Historical Resources.** As part of the District-Wide Cultural Resources Assessment, PCR services recommended that Butler MS is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2017). Therefore, this exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

References:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2022. California Scenic Highway Mapping System. Online URL: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>

State Water Resources Control Board. 2022. GeoTracker Database. Online URL: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>

Department of Toxic Substances Control. 2022. EnviroStor Database. Online URL: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). 2017. Cultural Resource Assessment for Long Beach Unified School District. Online URL: <http://lbschoolbonds.net/pdfs/lbusd-part1-historic-resources-report-20170206-web.pdf>

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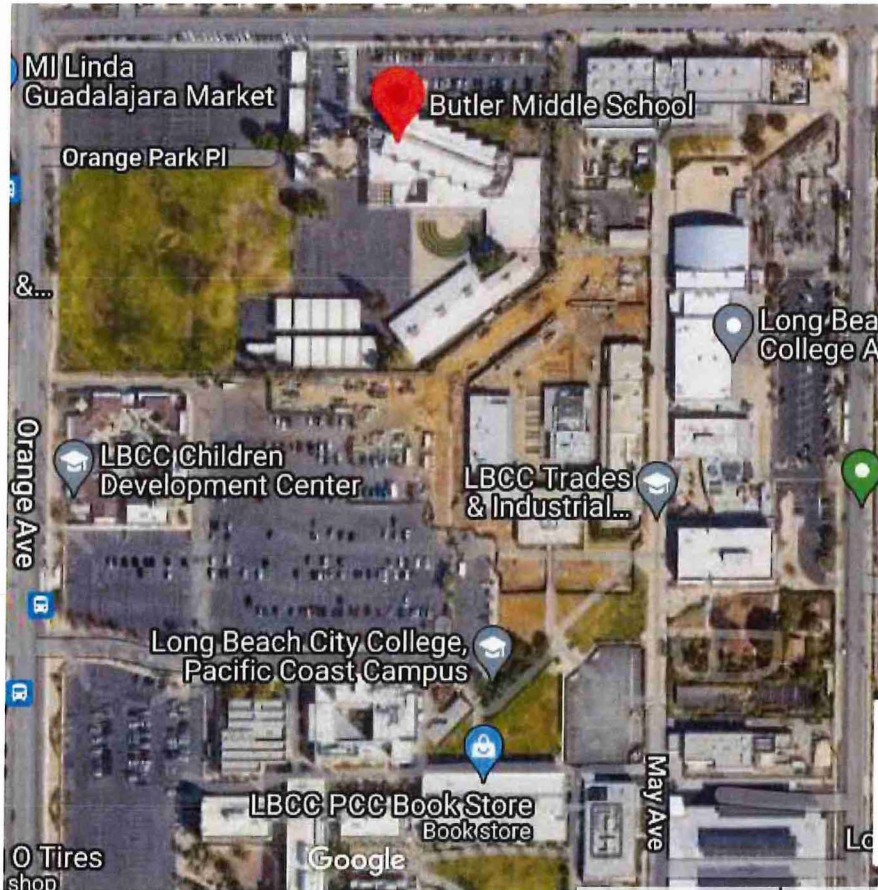
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Attachment B

1400 E 20th St, Long Beach, CA 90806

Butler Middle School Overview



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