

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: San Bernardino City Unified School District  
956 West 9th Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92411

County Clerk  
County of San Bernardino  
222 West Hospitality Lane, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

George Brown Junior Elementary School Grade Span Reconfiguration Project  
Project Title

2525 North G Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405 and 2299 North G Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405  
Project Location - Specific

San Bernardino  
Project Location - City

San Bernardino  
Project Location - County

George Brown Elementary School is currently experiencing overcrowding. To address this, the District is proposing to modify the grade span configuration at George Brown Junior Elementary School from kindergarten through sixth grade to kindergarten through fifth grade, starting in the 2025-2026 school year. The sixth-grade programming at George Brown Junior Elementary School would be accommodated at Arrowview Middle School (directly adjacent to George Brown Elementary School) which currently offers a grade span configuration of sixth through eighth grade and has sufficient capacity. No construction activities are proposed; all future construction work, if any, would be subject to additional environmental review.  
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

San Bernardino City Unified School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Thomas Pace, Director – Facilities Planning and Development  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- 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: Sections 15301, 15314, and 15322
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15282(i)

The proposed project would involve the grade span reconfiguration at George Brown Junior Elementary School to reduce overcrowding; sixth grade students at George Brown Junior Elementary School would be accommodated at Arrowview Middle School. As such, the proposed project qualifies for a statutory exemption under CEQA Section 15282(i), Other Statutory Exemptions. Additionally, the proposed project is categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15301, Existing Facilities, because no expansion is required and the existing facilities have sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed project; Section 15314, Minor Additions to Schools, because the proposed project would not require additional classroom space and therefore, would not exceed a capacity increase of 25 percent or 10 classrooms; and Section 15322, Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes, because the proposed project would not require physical changes to the schools to accommodate the grade span reconfiguration.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation on the evaluation of the proposed project, as it relates to Sections 15282(i), 15301, 15314 and 15322 of the CEQA Guidelines, which is available for review at the San Bernardino City Unified School District, 956 West 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411.

Reasons why project is exempt

Thomas Pace, Director, Facilities Planning and Development (909) 388-6100

Contact Person:

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

If filed by applicant:

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

Date  
Received for  
Filing:

5-20-2025

Signature:



Title: Director, Facilities Planning and Development