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Project Title

Beardslee Dual Language Academy Transformation Project

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- ◯ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ◉ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ◯ Other (Please fill in type):

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
P.O. Box 1208
Norwalk, CA 90651-1208

From: (Public Agency): Duarte USD
1620 Huntington Dr
Duarte, CA 91010
(Address)

Project Title: Beardslee Dual Language Academy Transformation Project

Project Applicant: Duarte Unified School District (also Lead Agency)

Project Location - Specific:

1212 Kellwil Way, Duarte, CA 91010 (APN 8531-002-900)

Project Location - City: Duarte Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Modernization or reconfiguration of 6 existing buildings; removal of 2 existing buildings; relocation of 9 buildings from Andres Duarte; ADA upgrades at existing parking lots; installation of playground equipment; and other site improvements--primarily for the benefit and addition of a preschool. See attached resolution.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Duarte Unified School District

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

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
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- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 14 - § 15314
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
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Lead Agency Contact Person: Tiffany Bell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (626) 599-5024

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: [signature] Date: 9/30/2025 Title: Asst. Sup. Business

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 05-25-26

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DETERMINING THAT THE BEARDSLEE DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

September 11, 2025

WHEREAS, the Duarte Unified School District ("District") has developed the Beardslee Dual Language Academy Transformation Project ("Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project involves the modernization, relocation, separation, reconnection, and/or repurposing of six (6) buildings within Beardslee Dual Language Academy ("Beardslee"); removal of two (2) buildings from Beardslee; relocation of nine (9) buildings from Andres Duarte Elementary School ("Andres Duarte") and onto Beardslee; ADA upgrades at existing parking lots; installation of four (4) pieces of play equipment; and fencing, gates, and associated site work; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project is located at 1212 Kellwil Way, Duarte, CA 91010 (APN 8531-002-900); and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of the Proposed Project, the District must ensure the Proposed Project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, the CEQA Guidelines, set forth in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, exempt certain projects from further CEQA evaluation, including the following exemption applicable to the Proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools that do not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or 10 classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project involves the addition of nine (9) relocatable buildings from Andres Duarte, including Buildings AD-M (1,920 sq ft), AD-P1 (960 sq ft), AD-P2 (960 sq ft), AD-Q1 (960 sq ft), AD-Q2 (960 sq ft), AD-Q3 (960 sq ft), AD-Q4 (960 sq ft), AD-R (960 sq ft), and AD-S (960 sq ft) (totaling 9,600 sq ft), to be used as preschool or middle school classrooms, and the removal of two (2) existing buildings from Beardslee, Buildings BL-K (960 sq ft) and BL-L (960 sq ft). The Proposed Project will increase the number of teaching stations by a total of seven (7) and the building square footage by 7,680, which comprises an 18.4 percent increase considering the campus' current total building area is 41,717 square feet; therefore, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption is met; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 provides six (6) exceptions that would disqualify a project from being categorically exempt. They are: (1) a project located within a particularly sensitive environmental location (although this does not apply to the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, the environmental sensitivity of the Proposed Project site was assessed as part of the preparation of this Resolution and Notice of Exemption ("NOE")); (2) where the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type, in the same place would be significant over time; (3) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; (4) a project that would cause damage to scenic elements with a designated state scenic highway; (5) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; or (6) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project is not within a sensitive environmental location; it is within an already established school campus; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project is the only project of the same type at the same place. No other similar, successive projects are proposed near the campus; and

WHEREAS, there are no known unusual circumstances that would be caused by the reconstruction, reconfiguration, or modernization of the campus; and

WHEREAS, according to the Caltrans Scenic Highway System Map, the City of Duarte does not contain any officially designated State of California scenic highways, therefore the Proposed Project is not within or near designated state scenic highways (https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=465dfd3d807c46cc8e8057116f1aacaa); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project is not on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and

WHEREAS, as there are no designated historical resources on the Proposed Project site, the Proposed Project would not cause a substantial adverse change to any historical resource; and

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions apply here; and

WHEREAS, upon determining that a project is CEQA-exempt, the District is entitled to file an NOE with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15062; and

WHEREAS, the NOE for the Proposed Project, attached hereto as **Attachment "1"** shall be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and State Clearinghouse, and shall be made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the NOE shall start a thirty-five (35) day statute of limitations period on legal challenges to the District's decision that the Proposed Project is exempt from CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby find, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as true and correct.

Section 2. The Board has reviewed and analyzed applicable exemption and determined that the Proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15314.

Section 3. There are no exceptions that would disqualify the Proposed Project from being categorically exempt.

Section 4. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Proposed Project.

Section 5. The Board adopts the NOE, attached hereto as **Attachment "1"**.

Section 6. The Board hereby decides to carry out the Proposed Project.

Section 7. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to file the NOE, attached hereto as **Attachment "1"**, with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office and State Clearinghouse, and take such further actions as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the Proposed Project.

Dated: September 11, 2025

Dr. James Finlay, Board President
Duarte Unified School District

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