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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, California

From: (Public Agency): _Long Beach Unified School District
2425 Webster Avenue
Long Beach, California 90810
(Address)

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Project Title: Sato Academy of Math & Science HVAC + & All Weather Field

Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

Sato Academy of Math & Science, 1100 Iroquois Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sato Academy HVAC Plus & All Weather Field project includes, but is not limited too, modernization of six (6) permanent buildings on campus and construction of a new synthetic all weather field & running track. Buildings 5000 & 8000 are excluded. Scope includes HVAC installation in all classrooms, offices and support spaces (including Auditorium, Cafeteria and Kitchen) located in permanent buildings on site within scope and addition of new mechanical yards across the site to service adjacent buildings. Accessibility, utility system & technology upgrades as required. Kitchen Hood/equipment and campus wide fire alarm upgrades, new tactile signage throughout campus, cool coatings at athletic play areas at asphalt and a new school entrance sign also included. New synthetic field will be constructed over existing natural turf field and will include a new water fountain/bottle filling station and will be used for physical education purposes only.

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; Class 14:15314
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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) and Class 14 Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines §15314. 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. Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

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: 10.3.25 Title: Senior Program Manager

☒ 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 a

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED
ON October 03 2025
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NOE Attachment A

LBUSD HVAC Modernization & All Weather Field Project
Notice of Exemption (NOE)

Sato Academy of Math and Sciences

The Long Beach Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to continue the bond measure improvements at Sato Academy of Math & Science (Sato Academy) through the proposed all-campus HVAC and modernization project.

Project Location

Sato HS is located at 1100 Iroquois Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is southwest of Interstate 405. The school site is bounded by E Anaheim Road to the north, Iroquois Avenue to the west, a water channel to the south, and Bicycle Route 10 to the east.

Description of Project

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The Proposed Project will result in campus improvements, which will not involve an increase in student capacity, and will include minor additions (e.g., HVAC) and minor alterations to the existing school campus. 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 and Class 14 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.

(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. 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 is above Sato Academy. While it is designated a historic highway, the project will not result in any scenic impacts because it is over two miles away from the historic section (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, Kleinfelder services recommended that Sato Academy is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2025). Therefore, this exception does not apply to the Notice of Exemption.

References:

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Attachment B

Project Area

NOE Attachment B

1100 Iroquois Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815

Sato Academy of Math and Science Overview