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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Petaluma City Schools
200 Douglas Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Title: Mary Collins at Cherry Valley Building and Improvements

Project Location: Mary Collins at Cherry Valley School, 1001 Cherry Street

Project Location – City: Petaluma, CA 94952 **Project Location – County:** Sonoma County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Petaluma City Schools

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Petaluma City Schools

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amanda Bonivert **Phone Number:** (707) 778-4621

Description of Project: Petaluma City Schools (PCS) proposes to remove four portable classroom buildings from the Mary Collins at Cherry Valley school campus and construct a new two-story, approximately 8,900-square-foot building. The new building would be located on the northern end of campus, adjacent to the east side of the existing school parking lot. The new building would include seven classrooms, resources offices, and restrooms. The project would result in a net increase of three classrooms on the campus. The project also includes relocation of one existing modular restroom building and new landscaping and hardscape, such as walkways and stairways in the area of the new building. The project would include a new fence and gate along Cherry Street that would provide direct access to the new building. The project would remove approximately 29 existing trees and plant approximately five new trees, resulting in a net decrease of approximately 24 trees on the campus.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities including on-premises signs.

Class 14 – Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Mary Collins at Cherry Valley Building and Improvements project would not introduce a new use onto the school campus or substantially expand an existing use or result in a substantial enrollment increase at the campus. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the project is not located on a hazardous waste site and the project would not affect environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern, result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources within an officially designated state scenic highway, affect an historical resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

A. Bonivert

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Amanda Bonivert, Chief Business Official

Date: 10/15/25