

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Oakland Unified School District
955 High Street
Oakland, CA 94601

Alameda County Clerk
1106 Madison Street
Oakland, CA 94607

McClymonds High School Modernization

Project Title

2607 Myrtle Street

Project Location – Specific

Oakland

Project Location – City

Alameda

Project Location – County

The Oakland Unified School District plans to modernize the McClymonds High School campus to improve seismic safety, implement campus-wide systems upgrades, upgrade finishes within indoor spaces, reconfigure the gymnasium, upgrade the woodshop and engineering pathway lab in Building C, replace the bleachers and ancillary spaces beneath them, enhance the Plaza of Peace and garden areas, and new track around and artificial turf on the football field. Construction is scheduled to start in February 2026, and will be phased to minimize disruption to school operations. The proposed improvements would benefit the school and community.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Oakland Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Oakland Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status:

- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Section 15304 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), 15314 (Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools), 15330 (Class 30, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances), and 15331 (Class 31, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation)

Class 1 applies because the proposed project would involve improvements to existing school operations along with repairs and needed maintenance activities within the established boundaries of the existing high school campus. Facility improvements will result in minor to no expansion of the existing campus buildings or school uses. Class 14 applies because the project involves improvements to existing school facilities without adding new classrooms or increasing student capacity. Class 30 applies because site remediation would occur through removal of lead-contaminated soils as part of the Site excavation, grading, and development activities. Class 31 applies because an effects analysis conducted in a historic resources evaluation determined that facility improvements meet the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation. None of the character-defining features or the integrity of the gymnasium building will be adversely impacted by the project. Additionally, none of the exceptions outlined in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15300.2) apply to the project.

Reasons why project is exempt

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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

Signature:
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Date:

11/07/2025

Title:

Executive Director, OUSD

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant