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LEAD AGENCY SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/06/2026
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PROJECT TITLE
 CAPUCHINO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN MATEO UNION HIGH DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____ 50.00
- Other \$ _____

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- Cash
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 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Kamille Santos Deputy Clerk
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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: San Mateo
555 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063-1665

From: (Public Agency): San Mateo Union High School Di
650 N. Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94401

(Address) FILED ENDORSED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
SAN MATEO COUNTY CALIF

APR 06 2026

Project Title: Capuchino High School Classroom Transformation Project

Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By: KAMILLE SANTOS

Project Location - Specific:
1501 Magnolia Avenue in Millbrae, CA

Project Location - City: Millbrae Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project is interior refurbishment for classrooms in Buildings A, B, C, D, and E. This includes replacement of flooring, baseboards, acoustic ceiling panels, lighting, monitors, and paint. Some teaching walls also will be relocated. The modernized classrooms would benefit of students and teachers

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Mateo Union High 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- Existing Facilities- Section 15301
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption applies to the repairs, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities. However, the site is listed on the Cortese List, which may exclude the project from that exemption. Therefore the District also proposes to use the General Rule Exemption. The project would clearly have no potential significant impacts, so would comply with General Rule Exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Yancy Hawkins Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-558-2204

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: 3/26/26 Title: Chief Business Officer

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:

CAPUCHINO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM TRANSFORMATION PROJECT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

Capuchino High School, located at 1501 Magnolia Avenue in Millbrae, CA, is owned and operated by the San Mateo Union High School District. The school is in a single-family residential neighborhood, with single family houses facing all sides of the campus.

Proposed Project

This project is interior classroom refurbishment for classrooms in Buildings A, B, C, D, and E, at the school. This includes replacement of flooring, baseboards, acoustic ceiling panels (in existing grids), lighting, monitors, and paint. In some classrooms teaching walls with associated markerboards and monitors also would be relocated. The purpose of this project is to provide modernized classrooms for the benefit of students and teachers.

The project would be constructed in the summer of 2027. No expansions of the school facilities are proposed as part of this project.

Exemption Analysis

Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities - CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301) applies to repairs and maintenance of existing facilities including interior or exterior alterations involving no or negligible expansion of the facilities, and restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated structures and facilities, as well as health and safety improvements. The Project qualifies for the Class 1 exemption because it involves the minor alterations of existing facilities at the school and would not expand the school capacity or its use.

Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

The exemption is subject to the following exceptions:

- **Cumulative Impact.** This exception would apply if the project were to contribute to significant impacts to a resource in combination with other proposed new development nearby. The project construction may overlap a small kitchen project at the school. Because all of the projects are indoors and limited in scope, no cumulatively significant impacts would be expected.

- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor. There are no highways or roadways in the project area or from which the project area can be seen that are designated as Scenic or are eligible for scenic designation. The project would be comprised entirely of internal classroom improvements, so would have no potential for visual impacts. Therefore, this impact would not be considered potentially significant.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** This exception would apply if the project were to be located on a hazardous waste site listed pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. Although the Capuchino High School Campus is on a state database (database search performed February 26, 2026), contaminated soil was cleaned up between 2002 and 2004; no contamination is known to remain on the site.¹ Further, the contamination noted was in the former auto shop area, which is not where the classroom improvements, which would not include any ground disturbance are proposed. However, this exception has been interpreted as being triggered if a site is merely on the Cortese list, regardless of any actual impact potential. Therefore, we recommend that the District also utilize the General Rule exemption, discussed below.
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project would be inside existing school buildings. It would have no adverse effect on any potential historic attributes of any school buildings.
- **Significant Effect.** The exception would apply if the project would have the potential for a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances may include historic structures, hazardous materials contamination, protected species or habitats, and other similar conditions. There are no unusual circumstances on the site (which is a paved parking lot) and there is no potential for significant effect, therefore this exception would not apply.

CEQA General Rule Exemption

The CEQA "general rule" exemption—often referred to as the Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Statutes 14 CCR § 15061(b)(3))—applies when it can be seen with certainty that a project has no possibility of causing a significant environmental effect. As described above, there is no potential for the proposed classroom modernizations to have any significant impacts on the physical environment. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 1 and General Rule exemptions and, as detailed above, none of the exceptions to the Class 1 exemption would apply. Therefore, these exemptions would apply to the proposed project.

¹http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/deliverable_documents/4602482438/Phase%201%20determination%20%28204084%29.pdf