

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, CA

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

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON June 03 2026Project Title: Marshall MS HVAC+ and All-Weather FieldUNTIL July 06 2026Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

Project Location - Specific: John Marshall Middle School 5870 E Wardlow Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808

Please see Attachment A for project location.



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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This project includes the installation of a new HVAC system, utility infrastructure upgrades, and campus wide electrical upgrade. New projectors, projector screens, marker and tack boards, and AV systems will be installed. Accessibility improvements will be made throughout the campus, including the auditorium and kitchen. Additionally, the project will feature landscape enhancements, new outdoor classrooms, and creative indoor learning spaces designed for collaboration. Upgrades to building finishes, new tactile signage throughout campus and campus wide fire alarm upgrades as required. Project also includes the installation of a new All Weather Artificial Turf field over existing natural field, with surrounding asphalt track and bottle filling station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Long Beach Unified School DistrictName 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 2:15302; Class 14:15314
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

There will be minor alterations, replacements, and accessory structures added
 (minor additions) and will not increase student capacity. Therefore, the application of Class 1,
 Class 2, and Class 14 categorical exemptions is appropriate for the Proposed Project.

Lead Agency

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-997-7550Contact Person: Ferdows Fazeli

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: 6/2/2026 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 at OPR: _____



**LBUSD HVAC+ and All-Weather Field Project Notice of
Exemption (NOE)
Marshall MS**

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 John Marshall Middle School through the proposed all-campus HVAC modernization and field project.

Project Location

Marshall MS is located at 5870 E Wardlow Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808. The school campus is located within the neighborhood that is north of Interstate 405. The school site is bounded by E Wardlow Road to the north, Ocean Avenue to the west, E Killdee St to the south, and Woodruff Avenue to the east.

Description of Project

This project includes the installation of a new HVAC system, utility infrastructure upgrades, and campus wide electrical upgrade. New projectors, projector screens, marker and tack boards, and AV systems will be installed. Accessibility improvements will be made throughout the campus, including the auditorium and kitchen. Additionally, the project will feature landscape enhancements, new outdoor classrooms, and creative indoor learning spaces designed for collaboration. Upgrades to building finishes, new tactile signage throughout campus and campus wide fire alarm upgrades as required. Project also includes the installation of a new All Weather Artificial Turf field over existing natural field, with surrounding asphalt track and bottle filling station.

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); Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302); 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 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. 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.

The Proposed Project will result in campus improvements, which will not involve an increase in student capacity, and will include minor additions to existing school campuses. 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, Class 2, 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.

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NOE Attachment A

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- (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 below Marshall MS. While it is designated a historic highway, the section close to Marshall is not (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 recommended that Marshall MS 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.

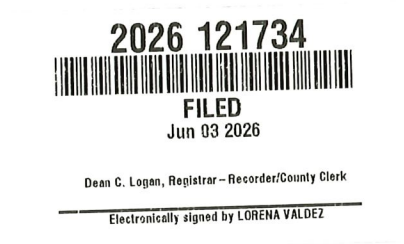
References:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2022. California Scenic Highway Mapping System. Online URL: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>

State Water Resources Control Board. 2022. GeoTracker Database. Online URL: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>

Department of Toxic Substances Control. 2022. EnviroStor Database. Online URL: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). 2025. Cultural Resource Assessment for Long Beach Unified School District.



Attachment B

Project Area

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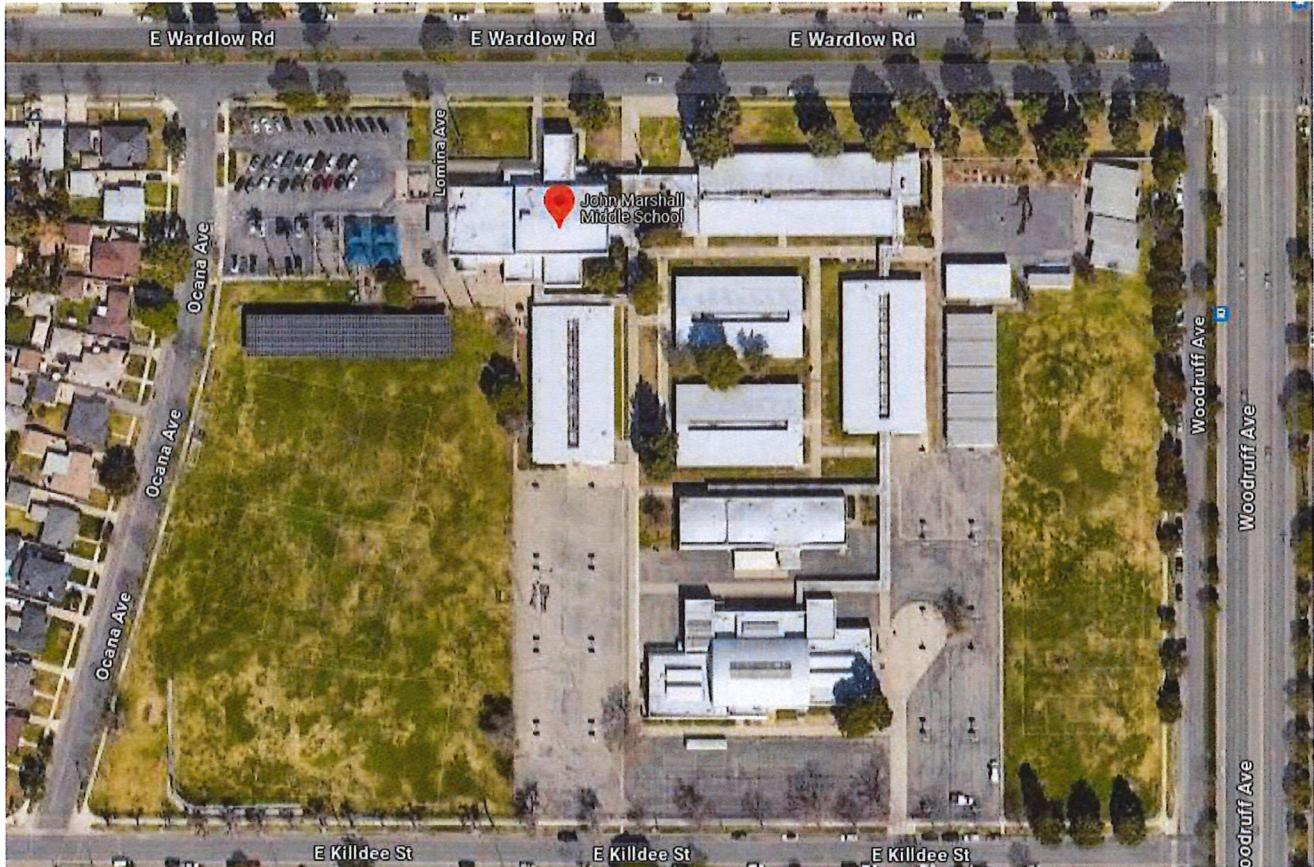
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Marshall Middle School Overview



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