



SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder
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From: Sunnyvale School District
825 West Iowa Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Cherry Chase Elementary School Campus Modernization Project

Project Location: Cherry Chase Elementary School, 1138 Heatherstone Way

Project Location – City: Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sunnyvale School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sunnyvale School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brandt Burns

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Description of Project: The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) proposes to modernize and upgrade existing buildings and facilities (e.g., new windows, bathrooms, utilities, and lighting) and demolish/replace Buildings P and G with a new 10-classroom building and outdoor learning space area. Buildings P and G contain a total of 12 classrooms. Therefore, the project would not increase the existing number of classrooms on the campus. The school would remain operational during construction and require temporary housing for six classrooms.

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 original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Cherry Chase Elementary School Campus Modernization project would not introduce a new use, expand an existing use, or increase enrollment at the Cherry Chase Elementary School campus. The project would not increase the existing number of classrooms on the campus. Therefore, the proposed project would not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms.

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, affect an historical resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Brandt Burns

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Brandt Burns, Director of Facilities and Operations

Date: June 18, 2026