FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR NORSEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the Fresno Unified School District Board (Board) caused the preparation of an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed Norseman Elementary School Modernization Project (Project).

Project Title: Norseman Elementary School Modernization

SCH Number: TBD

Project Location: Norseman Elementary School at 4636 E Weldon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93703

Project Description:

The Fresno Unified School District proposes the Norseman Elementary School Modernization Project to modernize the existing 12.4-acre Norseman Elementary School campus and associated adjacent rights-of-way using Measure H bond funding. The project includes demolition, reconstruction, and renovation of aging facilities; construction of new classroom, early learning, and administration buildings; modernization of existing campus buildings; upgrades to outdoor learning and recreation areas; and improvements to parking, circulation, and student drop-off areas. The project would demolish approximately 27,850 square feet of existing buildings and construct approximately 28,500 square feet of new facilities, resulting in approximately 64,100 square feet of total campus space. Limited off-site traffic safety improvements may also occur within adjacent public rights-of-way. Construction is anticipated to occur between June 2028 and August 2029 and would be phased to allow the school to remain operational. The project would not increase student enrollment or campus capacity and would be designed in compliance with applicable state building, accessibility, energy efficiency, and safety standards.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:
The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following location:

Fresno Unified School District
4600 North Brawley Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

You may obtain the document and the supporting technical studies in electronic format at https://www.fresnounified.org/departments/facilities or by searching the for postings by the Fresno Unified School District at https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov

The comment period closes on the August 24, 2026. Please submit comments to Heidi.Heltne@fresnounified.org or to:

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