CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Orange
601 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Brea Olinda Unified School District
1 Civic Center Circle, Level 2
Brea, CA 92821

Falcon Academy of Science and Technology Multipurpose Building and Classroom Buildings Project
Project Title

650 Apricot Avenue, Brea, CA 92821
Project Location - Specific

Brea
Project Location – City

Orange
Project Location – County

The proposed project would demolish the existing kitchen and restroom building east of Building C and replace it with a new 9,623-square-foot Multipurpose (MP) Building with a kitchen, along with an approximately 2,000-square-foot lunch canopy either west or south of the new MP Building. Additionally, five existing modular classroom buildings in the southern portion of the campus would be demolished and replaced in kind on existing asphalt with five new modular classroom buildings, each approximately 960 square feet and including a restroom. Site work would include new asphalt paving around the MP Building and a new 31-stall parking lot to the north to address existing parking shortages. The proposed project would also add new landscaping, softscaping, trees, and light poles. Construction is anticipated to take place from approximately June 2027 through July 2028.
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Brea Olinda Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Brea Olinda Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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Exempt Status: (check one below)

☐ 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: Sections 15302 and 15314

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The proposed project qualifies for a Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) exemption under CEQA Section 15302, as it involves the in-kind replacement of the five existing modular classroom buildings entirely within the campus' existing area of disturbance, serving the same function and capacity as the structures being replaced. The proposed project also qualifies for a Class 14 (Minor Additions to Schools) exemption under CEQA Section 15314, because the proposed project consists of the construction of an MP Building with kitchen, lunch canopy, and parking lot which would involve no expansion or change in use and no change in capacity. As a result, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under both Section 15302 and Section 15314. Additionally, the proposed project has been reviewed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and does not trigger any exceptions to categorical exemptions, including no impacts to sensitive environments, scenic highways, historical resources, or hazardous waste sites, and no cumulative or significant impacts due to unusual circumstances.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation on the evaluation of the proposed project, as it relates to Sections 15302 and 15314 of the CEQA Guidelines, which is available for review at the Brea Olinda Unified School District, 1 Civic Center Circle, Level 2, Brea, CA 92821.

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

Date Received for Filing: 8/21/26

Signature: _____ Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services