Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse CEQAnet *https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/* County Clerk Contra Costa County 555 Escobar Street Martinez, CA 94553	**From:** (Public Agency): Antioch Unified School District 701 West 18th Street Antioch, CA 94509

Project Title: Orchard Park School Campus Buildings and Site Improvements
Project Applicant: Antioch Unified School District
Project Location - Specific: 5150 Live Oak Avenue
Project Location - City: Antioch **Project Location - County:** Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Antioch Unified School District is completing campus improvements at the Orchard Park School, including constructing a new gymnasium and multi-purpose room (MPR) building; modernizing the existing MPR into new classrooms, preparation rooms, and offices; creating a new drop-off area; creating new exterior sports courts; and other site improvements. No building demolition is included in the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Antioch Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Antioch 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));
X	**Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:** Replacement or Reconstruction, Section 15302; Minor Addition to Schools, Section 15314
	Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
	Other:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project includes the construction of a new gymnasium, MPR, and exterior sports courts that are ancillary school facilities to support educational operations. The project also includes circulation and parking improvements and site improvements throughout the campus, including new landscaping and pedestrian pathways. All improvements are entirely within the existing school grounds. The project will result in a net increase of 3 permanent classrooms, below the threshold of 10 classrooms, and will not increase student enrollment. Therefore, the project qualifies for the Minor Addition to Schools exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15314. In addition, the renovation of the existing MPR qualifies for the Replacement or Reconstruction exemption under Section 15302, as it will construct a new MPR building to replace the existing MPR building, located on the same project site and with substantially the same purpose (educational operations) and capacity as the structure replaced.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Miguel Cruz, Director of Facilities
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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: _____ Date: 8/21/2026 Title: Director of Facilities
☒ 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 LCI CEQAnet: _____