Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District
375 Via Almar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
(Address)

Project Title: Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Modernization Project

Project Applicant: Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:
27118 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Project Location - City: Rolling Hills Estates Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of accessibility and path-of-travel improvements; concrete replacement; restroom and plumbing upgrades; railing improvements; HVAC modernization; electrical improvements; elevator modernization; roof patching; and related paving, landscape, and site work within the existing school campus. The project will improve accessibility, safety, and building-system performance without increasing student enrollment capacity or introducing a new educational use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Palos Verdes Peninsula 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: §15301 and §15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of accessibility, concrete and paving, restroom, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, railing, elevator, roofing, and related modernization and rehabilitation improvements to existing school facilities. The project will not expand the existing educational use or increase student capacity and qualifies for categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines §§15301 and 15302. None of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply. See Attachment A.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brenna Terrones Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310-896-3418

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: 9/1/26 Title: Asst. Supt. Admin Services

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.

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Notice of Exemption (NOE) - Attachment A

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Lead Agency

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) is the Lead Agency for the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District is responsible for reviewing and approving maintenance, modernization, and improvement projects occurring within its school facilities.

Project Location

The proposed project will occur at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, located at 27118 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274, in Los Angeles County, California.

Description of Project

The project includes installation of a new accessible ramp to the Administration Building; replacement of cracked concrete slabs; upgrades to accessible paths of travel across campus walkways; replacement of a drinking fountain and railings; restroom upgrades; replacement of waste and vent piping; stair handrail and guardrail improvements; repair and reuse of selected mechanical units and registers; removal of first-floor packaged terminal air-conditioning units and installation of new ducted heat pumps in Buildings H and S; additional electrical outlet circuits; elevator modernization; localized roof patching; and related asphalt, concrete, landscape, and site work.

All work will occur within the existing developed school campus and existing buildings and circulation areas. The project is intended to improve accessibility, safety, and building-system performance and will not increase student enrollment capacity or introduce a new educational use.

Reasons Why the Project Is Exempt

The proposed project is anticipated to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following categorical exemptions

Class 1 - Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301)

Class 1 applies to repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The proposed accessibility, concrete, restroom, plumbing, railing, HVAC, electrical, elevator, roofing, and site improvements are alterations and rehabilitation of existing school facilities with no expansion of the existing school use.

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Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302)

Class 2 applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities on the same site with substantially the same purpose and capacity. The project replaces or reconstructs existing HVAC, plumbing, electrical, elevator, railing, paving, and related components serving the existing campus and retains substantially the same purpose and capacity.

Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2)

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following section of the CEQA Guidelines:

(a) Location

The location exception in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(a) applies to projects otherwise exempt under Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11. The project relies on Classes 1 and 2; therefore, subsection (a) does not independently preclude the exemptions claimed here. In addition, the work is confined to an existing developed school campus and previously improved areas.

(b) Cumulative Impact

Construction activities will be temporary and limited to modernization, replacement, repair, and related site work at an existing school campus. The project will not expand the educational use or student capacity. Based on the currently defined scope, there is no indication that successive projects of the same type in the same place over time would result in a significant cumulative environmental impact.

(c) Significant Effect Due to Unusual Circumstances

The proposed activities are typical school modernization, repair, replacement, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements. The currently defined scope does not identify an unusual circumstance that would create a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. This determination should be revisited if final design identifies materially different site conditions or scope.

(d) Scenic Highways

The project site is not located along an officially designated State Scenic Highway. The work will occur within the existing developed Palos Verdes Peninsula High School campus and will not damage scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Therefore, the exception set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(d) does not apply.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites

The project site is not included on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Accordingly, the exception set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(e) does not apply. Construction and abatement activities will comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements for the identification, handling, abatement, and disposal of hazardous materials encountered during construction.

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(f) Historical Resources

The Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined by CEQA Guidelines §15064.5. The proposed modernization improvements would occur within the existing school campus and would not materially impair any known historical resource. Therefore, the exception under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(f) does not apply.

Conclusion

Based on the scope and location of the Project, the District has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15301 and 15302, and that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply. The Project consists of accessibility, concrete and paving, restroom, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, railing, elevator, roofing, and related modernization and rehabilitation improvements to existing school facilities. The Project will not expand the existing educational use or increase student capacity. The Project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, including a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.



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PROJECT TITLE

PALOS VERDES PENNINSULA HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY** / **STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
375 VIA ALMAR,	PALOS VERDES ESTATES / CA	90274

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*:

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$ 0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$ 0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$ 0.00
☑ Exempt from fee		
☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$ 0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$ 25.00
☐ Other		$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☑ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

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