

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): _____
Long Beach Unified School District
2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach CA 90810

(Address)

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON October 16 2026

UNTIL November 16 2026

Project Title: King Elementary School MOD Plus Project

REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

Project Applicant: Long Beach Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

145 E Artesia Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90805

Project Location - City: Long Beach

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project includes updating the existing HVAC systems within all classrooms, offices and support spaces, including the Kitchen and Cafeteria, located in permanent buildings on site. The entire campus will be renumbered, and new tactile signage will be installed throughout campus for rooms and exits. Accessibility upgrades will be made to path of travel, parking and restrooms as required per current code. Permanent buildings will receive interior and exterior paint, with portables receiving exterior paint only. Utility systems will also be upgraded as required to support the updated HVAC systems as well as technology upgrades such as LED lighting, Extron audio-visual systems and overhead projectors. Site improvements include removing seven (7) existing classroom portables and one existing restroom portable on campus, a new natural turf field, two new playground structures and updated play striping using solar reflective paint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Long Beach Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Long Beach 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: Class 1:15301; Class 2:15302; Class 14:15314
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

There will be minor alterations, replacements, and accessory structures added (minor additions) and will not increase student capacity. Therefore, the application of Class 1, Class 2, and Class 14 categorical exemptions is appropriate for the Proposed Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ferdows Fazeli Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-997-7550

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: [Signature] Date: 10/16/2026 Title: Senior Program Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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LBUSD KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOD PROJECT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

The Long Beach Unified School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to conduct repair, technology, accessibility, air conditioning, safety and security upgrades at King Elementary School (King ES) in order to improve classroom conditions, provide up-to-date equipment for student use, and create a safe educational environment.

Project location King ES is located at 145 E Artesia Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90805 (see attached figure). The school site is located north of Route 91 at the intersection between Artesia Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard. The school site is bounded by Long Beach Boulevard to the west, Artesia Boulevard to the south, and 67th Street to the north, and residential parcels to the east.

Description of Project This project includes updating the existing HVAC systems within all classrooms, offices and support spaces, including the Kitchen and Cafeteria, located in permanent buildings on site. The entire campus will be renumbered, and new tactile signage will be installed throughout campus for rooms and exits. Accessibility upgrades will be made to path of travel, parking and restrooms as required per current code. Permanent buildings will receive interior and exterior paint, with portables receiving exterior paint only. Utility systems will also be upgraded as required to support the updated HVAC systems as well as technology upgrades such as LED lighting, Extron audio-visual systems and overhead projectors. Site improvements include removing seven (7) existing classroom portables and one existing restroom portable on campus, a new natural turf field, two new playground structures and updated play striping using solar reflective paint.

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The proposed activity is a project subject to CEQA. However, it is exempt from further environmental analysis under Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301); Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302); and Class 14 Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines §15314. Class 1 categorical exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure



replaced. Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

The Proposed Project will result in interior building improvements, ADA compliance upgrades, eliminating portables, adding playground structures and a field. The improvements will not involve an increase in student capacity, and will include repairs, maintenance, reconstruction, and minor additions to an existing school campus. The Proposed Project will not result in significant environmental impacts and is exempt from further review under the conditions in Article 19. Therefore, the application of Class 1, Class 2, and Class 14 categorical exemptions is appropriate for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2. Consequently, as documented below, the Proposed Project is exempt from further CEQA review.

(a) **Location.** The improvements will occur entirely within the existing campus, which is located in an urbanized community. The existing conditions on and around the elementary school are disturbed and paved ground and are not considered environmentally sensitive. Minor ground disturbance would occur during construction but will be limited to the existing school property on previously disturbed surfaces. The Proposed Project will not impact environmentally sensitive areas or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.

(b) **Cumulative Impact.** Details of any other future projects are not yet clearly defined and thereby cannot be further evaluated at this time. Further, the majority of impacts associated with the Proposed Project will be temporary (the construction timeframe) and are limited to the immediate vicinity of King ES. As such, no other cumulatively considerable projects have been identified that could incrementally contribute to the impacts associated with the Proposed Project. This exception does not apply to the Proposed Project.

(c) **Significant Effect.** The HVAC installation, field, ADA compliance upgrades, interior improvements, technology, and removal of portables are not considered an unusual circumstance as campus updates are not unusual for school sites according to the discretion of the management of the Facilities branch of Long Beach Unified School District. All upgrades associated with the Proposed Project would be installed on or within existing facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not appear visually incompatible with existing equipment and accessories on the Project site. Normal operations will be similar and consistent with current uses within the Project boundary. The Proposed Project is located within a disturbed, urbanized

environment in Long Beach. The campus vegetation is limited to ornamental landscaping, and it is anticipated that no candidate, sensitive, or special status species are anticipated to exist on or around the elementary school. Thus, the Proposed Project and will not involve the removal of any vegetation or scenic trees, nor would it impact any scenic vistas within the immediate area. Therefore, no reasonable possibility exists that the Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, this exception does not apply to this Project.

(d)**Scenic Highways.** The nearest highway to the Proposed Project site is Rte 91. Rte 91 is approximately 530 feet to the south from the proposed project site. This highway is not eligible for historic designation (Caltrans 2022). Therefore, no impact to scenic highways would occur, and this exception does not apply to the Project.

(e)**Hazardous Waste Sites.** Due to the time of original construction (1934) and campus expansion/rebuilding that has occurred since, it is likely that King ES contains asbestos-containing materials (ACM)/asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) and lead-based paint (LBP). However, the construction activities would be monitored and comply with federal and state law to prevent exposure to hazardous material and reduce potential impacts during construction and operation to a level below significant. The Proposed Project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65862.5 (SWRCB 2022; DTSC 2022); therefore, implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in an impact associated with known hazardous materials sites. This exception does not apply to the Notice of Project.

(f) **Historical Resources.** As part of the District-Wide Cultural Resources Assessment, Kleinfelder recommended that King ES is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) (LBUSD 2025). However, no construction activity will visually impact any of the features listed in the 2025 report (Kleinfelder 2025). Therefore, the Proposed Project activities will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource according to the determination of senior management. This exception does not apply to the Notice of Project.



References:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2022. California Scenic Highway Mapping System. Online URL: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>

State Water Resources Control Board. 2022. GeoTracker Database. Online URL: <https://1/geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>

Department of Toxic Substances Control. 2022. EnviroStor Database. Online URL: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD). 2025. District Wide Cultural Resources Assessment Update for Long Beach Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California



ATTACHMENT B
PROJECT AREA

