

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Alameda County Clerk

Project Title: Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction—Phase I

Lead Agency: Alameda Unified School District

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Review Period: November 3, 2023, through December 3, 2023

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the Alameda Unified School District (District) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the District's Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction—Phase I Project.

Project Description and Location

The Wood Middle School is located at 420 Grand Street in Alameda, adjacent to Rittler Park. The Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction Project includes replacement of all of the existing campus buildings with the exception of the existing multipurpose building. The project also includes a new access roadway from Grand Street to Otis Drive that would provide school access, a drop-off area, parking, and access to the adjacent Rittler Park that is owned and operated by the City of Alameda. A subsequent phase would include an athletic stadium for use by Alameda High School.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period will extend from November 3, 2023, to December 3, 2023. The IS/MND will be available for public review at the Alameda Unified School District, 2060 Challenger Dr., Alameda, CA 94501, and online at https://www.alamedaunified.org/departments/construction/measure-b/wood-middle-school-new-construction-and-modernization.

The District Board of Education will hold a public comment session on the proposed IS/MND at their November 14, 2023, Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. District Board of Education meetings are now being held both in person in the Council Chambers at City Hall (3rd floor of 2263 Santa Clara Avenue) and remotely. The District encourages public participation, and community members are welcome to attend and comment either in-person or remotely. Please visit https://www.alamedaunified.org/board/agendas-minutes for step-by-step directions on viewing and commenting at Board meetings both in-person and remotely.

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND for the project. Comments may be emailed to construction@alamedaunified.org or mailed to the attention of Shariq Khan, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services.

After the review period closes, the Alameda Unified School District will consider a recommendation to adopt the IS/MND for the project during a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. We encourage you to check the District's webpage to confirm the date and time of the Board of Education meeting at the following website address: https://www.alamedaunified.org/board/agendas-minutes.