Dear Governing Board:

Subject: Final Site Approval

The California Department of Education approves the acquisition of and/or use of, for school purposes, the parcel of property described on the attachment. This site meets the California Department of Education’s standards for educational adequacy (California Code of Regulations, Title 5, 14001 et seq. and Education Code 17251(c) and (d)). It is the responsibility of the district to complete all of the mitigation measures identified in the documents submitted to the California Department of Education for review.

The property approved for acquisition and/or use is 9 gross acres of which 7.37 are usable for school purposes. This represents 77.58% of the California Department of Education’s recommended master plan site size of 9.5 acres as contained in the California Department of Education’s Guide to School Site Analysis and Development (2000).

As required by Education Code 17072.12(b) and State Allocation Board Regulation 1859.75(b) for districts requesting state aid in site acquisition, the district has certified to the California Department of Education that there are no district owned sites that are usable for this project.

The site is required to have a 100 foot setback resulting from nearby powerlines. The district certified that a fence will be installed to ensure students do not access that area of the field. The usable acres reflects the setback.

When the district submits architectural plans for the site, a fence should be noted in the setback area.

In addition, the district should follow the recommendations outlined in the Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment conducted by Placeworks on August 2017.

The applicant has certified that this project is either exempt from, or has completed, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.
The district has met the requirements of Education Code 17213.1 and or 17213.2 regarding preparation of a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment. The Department of Toxic Substances Control has issued a determination letter dated August 30, 2017 indicating that it has approved the draft or final cleanup plan for a response action required on this site and the district has signed a commitment to complete the response action and further investigations under a cleanup agreement with DTSC prior to occupancy.

This site approval is valid for a maximum of five (5) years from the date of this approval letter. However, if prior to acquisition and/or initiation of the response action, changes take place within this five-year period which would affect or alter the Department of Education's original approval—including but not limited to, changes in surrounding land uses or CEQA determination, the master plan capacity of the site and changes in code and/or regulation—the site may be subject to reevaluation using the current standards in effect at the time of reevaluation.

Please contact the undersigned if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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