

*STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT*

**Determination of NonSignificance**

*Description of Proposal:* **Bryant Montessori School Replacement**

The Tacoma School District proposes construct a replacement for Bryant Montessori K-8 School on the current Bryant Montessori School site. Construction will include, but is not limited to, new building(s), utilities and infrastructure, on-site/off-site improvements, and limited parking. The new school building will total approximately 58,000 SF and will be designed to accommodate a capacity of 560 students, consistent with the existing school capacity. The building will be relocated from the southwest corner of the site to the southeast corner with play area and gardens in the central courtyard. A total of 6 onsite parking spaces will be added; access to the parking will be provided via a new driveway at the 7th Street and S Ainsworth intersection. The proposed landscaping consists of a mixture of lawn with planting areas of trees, shrubs, and groundcover. The existing flower and vegetable garden will be relocated, likely within the interior courtyard area. The existing playgrounds along the east will be demolished and the play area relocated to the new courtyard. The play fields will be extended into the area currently occupied by the garden. The playfield may be replaced with synthetic turf, depending on available funding. The existing covered play areas will be demolished, and a new 2,500 SF and 1,350 SF covered play areas provided. The bus loading area will be located on South Grant Avenue and the visitor pick-up/drop-off area will be located on South Ainsworth Avenue.

The project will be funded from the Capital Projects Bond, which was approved by voters in February 2020.

*Location of proposal:* **Bryant Montessori School, 717 S Grant Ave., Tacoma Washington 98405**

*Proponent/Applicant:* **Tacoma Public Schools**

*Contact Person:* **Morris Aldridge, Executive Director  
Department of Planning and Construction  
3223 S. Union Ave., Tacoma, WA 98409  
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*Action(s) Requested:*

**Tacoma Public Schools, under Tacoma School District Policy 6890 and the State Environmental Policy Act, determine that the project has no significant effect on the environment and issue a threshold Determination of Non-significance (DNS).**

**Lead Agency:** Tacoma School District No. 10

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under WAC 43.21C030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available at:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/pc>

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) for agency consideration. The comment period will end on September 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.

**Responsible Official:** Morris Aldridge

**Position/Title:** Executive Director of Planning and Construction

**Department/Division:** Tacoma School District No. 10

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Date:** 8/30/2022

**Appeal Process:** If you wish to appeal this determination, please submit a written statement requesting an appeal, specifying (a) the determination being appealed; (b) the errors complained of; (c) the corrective action being sought (d) the reasons why the determination should be changed; and (e) whether further oral or written comment or a hearing is requested to [planning@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:planning@tacoma.k12.wa.us).