

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PETERSON LAURELWOOD MASTER PLAN
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022060599**

TO: Affected Agencies, Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

DATE: November 23, 2022

PROJECT NAME: Santa Clara Unified School District (SCUSD) Peterson Middle School and the New Laurelwood Elementary School Master Plan (Proposed Master Plan)

COMMENT REVIEW PERIOD: November 23, 2022 to January 9, 2023

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Master Plan Area (“Plan Area”) is located in northwest Santa Clara County, approximately 4.75 miles south of the San Francisco Bay and approximately one-half mile north of Apple Park. The Plan Area includes the Patrick Henry Intermediate School campus, located at 1095 Dunford Way, the Santa Clara Unified School District Farm (“District Farm”), and portions of Peterson Middle School Campus at 1380 Rosalia Avenue, encapsulating 71.5 acres all within the City of Sunnyvale. Additionally, the Plan Area includes the existing 10.4-acre Laurelwood Elementary School Site, located at 955 Teal Drive in the City of Santa Clara. In total, the Plan Area encapsulates 81.9 acres in the City of Sunnyvale and the City of Santa Clara.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Peterson Laurelwood Master Plan (Proposed Master Plan) consists of the entire Patrick Henry Campus, Peterson Middle School Site, and the future use of the existing Laurelwood Elementary School Site. The Proposed Master Plan includes the construction of the new Laurelwood Elementary School on the existing Patrick Henry Campus, Peterson multiuse fields, relocated District storage area, improvements to Peterson Middle School including the new fields and a fieldhouse; relocation of the existing tennis courts; new vehicular and pedestrian access; expanded administration and media center, a new environmental education center, outdoor learning areas and amphitheater. Program improvements will be made to the District Farm and compost areas. It also provides an opportunity for an additional school to be built on the property. The Proposed Master Plan anticipates a maximum student capacity of 3,375 students as follows:

- Peterson Middle School: 1,221 student capacity
- Environmental Center and Farm: 250 student capacity
- New Alternative High School: 300 student capacity
- New Laurelwood Elementary School: 850 student capacity

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Note that the capacity of 3,375 students at full build out also includes the capacity of the existing Laurelwood School (754 student capacity based on full elementary occupancy). The future use of the Laurelwood site has not been determined at this time and will be subject to a supplemental CEQA process and document, including stakeholder engagement, when the proposed use is determined. For the purposes of this process, the existing Laurelwood site will be used for District administrative uses including storage or a school.

Buildout of the Proposed Master Plan is envisioned to take place over five distinct phases:

- **Phase 1** is the only phase currently funded by Measure BB and includes the Peterson track and field, the demolition of the existing Patrick Henry buildings, relocation of District storage, and building the new Laurelwood Elementary school. All other phases will be subject to future funding.
- **Phase 2** is focused on improvements to Peterson Middle School. This includes developing enhanced pedestrian and bike paths to connect the school to Teal Drive and Elizabeth Way, adding multiuse fields, track and field amenities such as a fieldhouse with restrooms and concessions, bleachers and new tennis courts. Improvements also include a new parking lot with enhanced drop-off and the development of a large outdoor learning area for students in Special Education.
- **Phase 3** will include modernizations and addition to the Peterson Campus Administration. The new administration space will have a direct view of students and parents entering campus from Rosalia Avenue. Improvements will also be made to the small science building and the media center.
- **Phase 4** is focused on improvements to the District Farm and the development of the new Environmental Education Center, which will create a bridge between the Farm and the Nature Center. These improvements may occur at any time and are not subject to the development of prior phases.
- **Phase 5** is construction of a 300-student Alternative High School and other District programs on the Patrick Henry site.

The primary objectives of the Proposed Master Plan are to provide a road map for the SCUSD that:

- Establishes a process for collecting the valuable input from the community including District staff, School site staff, parents, neighbors, students and consultants.
- Assesses, defines, and prioritizes current and future facility needs at each site.
- Provides a plan for the expenditure of Measure BB funds (Laurelwood School and Peterson Fields) and develops a roadmap for future funded projects.

- Develops cost estimates and plans needed to acquire future funding for the identified facility priorities.
- Provides project phasing plans to ensure the facility priorities are addressed. This information will be used to develop detailed design and construction plans as funds become available.
- Establishes a “living” document that will be regularly updated with progress made so it can continue to reflect “current” conditions, providing an accurate picture of remaining needs.
- Aligns the future development of the campuses with the stated Core Values in SCUSD’s Vision 2035:
 - Students First
 - Excellence Through Continuous Improvement
 - Integrity and Ethical Stewardship
 - Connected Families and Collaborative Community
 - Equity and Social Justice
 - Empathy and Respect

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

Based on the analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), the Proposed Master Plan would result in significant impacts (project and cumulative) in the following categories:

- Biological Resources (habitat modifications; and migratory birds)
- Cultural Resources (buried prehistoric artifacts) and Tribal Resources (unknown tribal cultural resources)
- **Noise** (construction related noise) **and Vibration** (construction related vibration)

Many of these impacts can be reduced to less than significant levels with the incorporation of mitigation measures identified in the DEIR. However, those impacts listed in **bold** were found to be significant and unavoidable even with mitigation incorporated or because no feasible mitigation was identified.

COMMENT PERIOD: START DATE AND TIME: November 23, 2022

END DATE AND TIME: January 9, 2023

The DEIR and all documents referenced in the DEIR are available for public review and a 45-day comment period. At this time, there are no scheduled public hearings on the Proposed Master Plan DEIR.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

If you wish to review a copy of the DEIR or the documents referenced in the DEIR, you may do so at Santa Clara Unified School District, Facility Development and Planning website at <https://www.santaclarausd.org/PetersonLaurelwoodmasterplan>. A physical copy of the DEIR will also be available at the School District's Facility Development and Planning Department at 3350 Brookdale Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95050. For more information about this DEIR, please visit <https://www.santaclarausd.org/PetersonLaurelwoodmasterplan>.

If you have questions or would like to be added to the listserv for this project, please email PetersonLaurelwoodPlan@scusd.net. If you have previously requested to be on the listserv you will automatically receive all notifications related to the project.

SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Santa Clara Unified School District requests that written comment be provided at the earliest possible date, but no later than January 9, 2023.

Please submit comments electronically through the project website, email or send a hard copy via mail (including name and contact information) to the following:

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