



**NOTICE OF ACTION  
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403**

**NEW BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Notice is given under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.080 and in accordance with Bethel School District Board Policy and Procedure 6890, that Bethel School District (the “District”) No. 403 took the action described in (2) below on November 9, 2023.

1. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21 RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced on or before December 11, 2023.

2. Description of Agency Action: Bethel School District, as lead agency, retained that certain Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance issued by Bethel School District on September 22, 2023, as modified by that certain Addendum to the Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance issued on November 8, 2023, relating to the proposed New Bethel High School Project. The District, through its Superintendent, directed the Director of Construction and Planning for the Project to proceed to obtain all necessary and required permits and approvals for the Proposal under and associated with the New Bethel High School Project.

3. Description of Proposal: In February of 2019, the voters of Bethel School District overwhelming approved a Capital Bond, to include among other projects, the construction of New Bethel High School to replace the existing Bethel High School in a location (7718 224th Street East, Graham, Washington) that supports the student body and the community as recommended by the District’s Long Range Facilities Task Force (“District Task Force”). The existing Bethel High School site is functionally obsolete and is not adequate to serve the needs of its students and as such, Bethel School District Bond Resolutions and Board Resolutions identified the site for the new high school as District-owned property located near the intersection of 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 224<sup>th</sup> Street East in the East Graham area of unincorporated Pierce County. The Board of Directors found and determined that a replacement high school could not be accommodated on the existing Bethel High School site.

The proposed New Bethel High School consists of a 281,723-square foot, two-story high school that would house approximately 1,800 students upon occupancy with capacity for four future portables for an additional 200 students and up to 145 staff and one future portable for a student-based health clinic. The Project includes traditional athletic high school facilities with six tennis courts, a baseball field with synthetic turf installed to the baseline, a softball field with synthetic turf installed to the baseline, and a synthetic track with a synthetic turf, lighted Multi-Purpose Field, and an adjacent grass practice field with use for discus and javelin. Primary access to the New Bethel High School would be from the intersection of 77th Avenue East and 224th Street East where a new traffic signal would be installed with public right-of-way improvements as a component of the project. This access serves as the primary access for students, staff and visitor parking along with the student drop-off/pick-up loop.

An access driveway from 70th Avenue East to the School Site with public right-of-way improvements is planned as a restricted access for school buses only and will service only the bus drop off area. On-site parking would be provided in three separate lots with a total of 478 parking stalls.

4. Location of Proposal: The proposed New Bethel High School is located at 7718 224<sup>th</sup> Street East and consists of four parcels located southerly, southeasterly, and southwesterly of the 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 224<sup>th</sup> Street intersection in the Graham area of unincorporated Pierce County. Signage for the Proposal will be located at the northeast corner of 224<sup>th</sup> Street East and 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.

(The new High School will be located on Parcel Nos. 0418172009, 0418172010, 0418172019, and 0418172021; signage will be located on Parcel No. 0418172022)

5. Type of Environmental Review under SEPA: State Environmental Policy Act Checklist, dated July 5, 2023, and Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance, issued September 22, 2023, as modified under an Addendum to the Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance, issued November 8, 2023.

6. Documents may be examined electronically by contacting:

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or, at the following link: <https://www.bethelsd.org/programs-departments/construction>


or, in person during regular business hours at:

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7. Name of Agency, proponent, or applicant giving notice: Bethel School District No. 403.

8. This Notice of Action is filed by:

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403**

By:   
Sara Coccia  
Director of Construction and Planning  
Responsible Official

Dated: November 9, 2023