

**ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Alameda, California**  
**Resolution**

December 12, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-2024.30

**Adoption of the Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction Phase 1:  
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

*WHEREAS*, the District proposes to undertake the Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction Phase 1 (the “Project”); and

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) that included a “Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan” (“MMRP”) was prepared for the Project and circulated for 30 days starting on November 3, 2023; and

*WHEREAS*, the District has prepared a phased Initial Study to assess the Phase I Project that includes the Wood Middle School improvements and a proposed roadway from Grand Street to Otis Drive at a project level and Phase II that would include a future stadium at the program level; and

*WHEREAS*, the District commits to a subsequent CEQA process to assess the Phase II portion of the project at a project level of analysis when sufficient information is known, anticipated to be 2027; and

*WHEREAS*, consistent with section 15072, title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, on November 3, 2023, the District issued a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“Notice”), mailed the Notice to occupants of properties within 500 feet of the Project site, provided a copy of such notice to the Alameda County Clerk, and published said Notice in a newspaper of general circulation, providing a 30-day public review period from November 3, 2023, to December 3, 2023; and

*WHEREAS*, the Notice and the IS/MND were uploaded to the State Clearinghouse CEQASubmit system in accordance with the CEQA requirements on November 3, 2023 to facilitate a concurrent state agency review period; and

*WHEREAS*, the Notice and the IS/MND were uploaded to the District website; and

*WHEREAS*, the IS/MND was presented to the community by the District at the November 14, 2023, Board of Education meeting in a Public Comment Session, and the District accepted public comments on the Project; and

*WHEREAS*, responding to Department of Toxic Substances Control comments required minor revisions to the IS/MND but did not result in a “substantial revision” as defined by Section 15073.5(b) of the CEQA Guidelines and no new, avoidable significant effects were identified from the comments and the document would not be required to be recirculated.

*WHEREAS*, the Initial Study concluded that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment, and that the District should adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and proceed with the Phae I Project; and

*WHEREAS*, the project record, including public comments received, are maintained at the District’s offices, located at 2060 Challenger Drive, Alameda, CA, 94501 ATTN: Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; and

*WHEREAS*, the District has considered the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration together with the comments received during the public review process, and finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study, the comments received and responses to those comments), that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects its independent judgment and analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Alameda Unified School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

**Section 1.** The IS/MND has been presented to the Board along with comments received and minor revisions and clarifications to the Initial Study. The Board has reviewed and considered the information in the IS/MND and the IS/MND reflects the Board’s independent judgment and analysis.

**Section 2.** The potential environmental impacts of the Project are fully disclosed in the IS/MND, and based upon the record, the proposed Project will not have a significant effect upon the environment if specific environmental protection actions, mitigation measures, and monitoring actions listed in the MND and MMRP are implemented.

**Section 3.** The Board hereby approves, adopts, and imposes the MMRP and the mitigation measures set forth in the MMRP are hereby imposed as conditions of the Project; and

**Section 4.** The Board hereby adopts the IS, MND and MMRP for the Phase I Project and determines that impacts identified in the MND as potentially significant will be reduced to a less than significant level because the District has agreed to mitigation measures and thus an MND is appropriate for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County of Alameda for the Project consistent with the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023:

AYES: 3 MEMBERS: Williams, Lynn, Lalonde

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: 1 MEMBERS: Little

*Jennifer Williams* *Heather Little*  
Jennifer Williams for Heather Little  
Heather Little, President  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District

ATTEST:  
By:   
Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District