

RESOLUTION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Chester Union Free School District (“Board” or “District”) is considering a proposed capital project for construction of an Interscholastic Athletic Facility on vacant land between Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School, consisting of a multi-purpose synthetic turf field within an eight-lane track, dedicated areas for track and field events, field house with locker rooms, public restrooms, secure storage, and meeting rooms, grandstand and/or bleacher seating, press box, concession stand, lighting, scoreboard, PA and sound system, and perimeter fencing, including original, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site work and incidental improvements in connection therewith, (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action requires that an environmental review be conducted in compliance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), collectively the State Environment Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to take all actions necessary in connection therewith to comply with SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it should be designated as Lead Agency for the purpose of determining the environmental impact of the Proposed Action and intends to declare itself as Lead Agency and conduct a coordinated SEQRA review of the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Action in light of the actions included on the Type I list specified in Section 617.4 of the Regulations and in light of the actions included on the Type II list specified in Section 617.5 of the Regulations, and classifies the Proposed Action as a “Type I Action”; and

WHEREAS, a Long Form Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) was prepared by the Board’s consultants, The LA Group;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Chester Union Free School District hereby declares:

1. Based upon the record before it, and under the applicable standards of SEQRA, the Proposed Action is classified as a Type I Action, as that term is defined in the Regulations;
2. Its intention to designate the Board of Education of the Chester Union Free School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of determining the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action; and
3. This Resolution is dated August 20, 2025, and will take effect immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the District and its consultants to solicit Lead Agency Status on behalf of the Board by expeditiously circulating a copy of this resolution, including Exhibits, and any other supporting documentation to potential involved or interested agencies, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The involved agencies will be given up to 30 days from the sending of the Lead Agency Notice to consent. The interested agencies will be given notice but will not be required to consent pursuant to the Regulations. If after 30 days after the date of circulation of this resolution and the EAF there is no objection or the date that involved agencies decline Lead Agency, whichever is shorter, the Board will be deemed Lead Agency for purposes of the Proposed Action; and

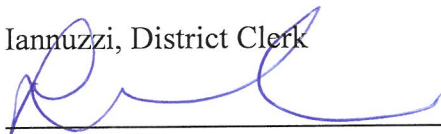
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the EAF and related documents and agreements on behalf of the District as well as to authorize any SEQRA related actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs its consultants, LAN Associates, Triton Construction and The LA Group to complete the appropriate forms and documents as required under SEQRA in relation to the Proposed Action for future and further consideration and action by the District.

The Contact Person for the Chester Union Free School District is: Catherine O'Hara, Superintendent of Schools.

On a motion made by Caroline Negersmith, and seconded by Diane Arnett. The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kim DiCurcio, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caroline Negersmith, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diane Arnett, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Hines-Johnson, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosalie Pena, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lindsay Iannuzzi, District Clerk
Signed: 

Dated: August 20, 2025

EXHIBIT A

INVOLVED AGENCIES

1. New York State Education Department
2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
3. Orange County Department of Health

INTERESTED AGENCIES

1. County of Orange
2. Town of Chester
3. Village of Chester