



SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder
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From: Sunnyvale School District
825 West Iowa Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Ellis Elementary School TK Classrooms

Project Location: Ellis Elementary School, 550 E. Olive Avenue

Project Location – City: Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sunnyvale School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sunnyvale School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brandt Burns

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Description of Project: The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) proposes to add two modular TK classrooms to the Ellis Elementary School campus. The modular classrooms would have a capacity of 20 students each. The classrooms would be constructed on the east side of the campus where an existing play structure is located, and the play structure would be relocated approximately 400 feet west to a central campus location that is near other existing play structures.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

Class 1 - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

Class 2 - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

Class 4 - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Class 11 - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities including on-premises signs.

Class 14 – Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Ellis Elementary School TK Classrooms project would not introduce a new use, substantially expand an existing use, or substantially increase enrollment at the Ellis Elementary School campus. Ellis Elementary School campus was rebuilt/remodeled in 2024, at which time the number of instructional classrooms on the campus decreased from 46 to 39 classrooms. The existing enrollment at Ellis Elementary School is 732 students. The proposed project would add two modular TK classrooms to the campus with a capacity of 20 students each and, as a result, could increase enrollment by approximately six percent. Therefore, the proposed project would not increase original capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms.

Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the project is not located on a hazardous waste site, and the project would not affect environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern, result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect an historical resource, or result in a cumulative impact. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Brandt Burns, Director of Facilities and Operations

Date: 3/27/26