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1. Executive Summary

This Residential Development and Commercial/Industrial Development (CID) Developer Fee Justification Study (DFJS) is intended to determine the extent to which a nexus can be established in the Santa Clara Unified School District (District) between residential and commercial/industrial development and the need for school facilities, the cost of school facilities, and the amount of statutory school fees per residential and CID building square foot that may be levied for schools pursuant to the provisions of Section 17620 et seq. of the Education Code, as well as Sections 65995 and 66001 et seq of the Government Code.

The purpose of this DFJS is to determine whether the District meets the pertinent requirements of State law regarding the collection of developer fees. State law gives school districts the authority to charge fees on new residential development and CID if those developments generate additional students and cause a need for additional school facilities. Government Code §66001 requires that a reasonable relationship exists between the amount and use of the fees and the development on which the fees are to be levied.

On January 28, 2026, the State Allocation Board's biennial inflation adjustment increased the maximum residential School Fee authorized by §17620 of the Education Code from **\$5.17 to \$5.38** per square foot. This study finds that, based on average residential unit square footage, these fees would cover less than 100% of school facility costs. Consequently, it recommends the District to levy the maximum residential School Fee of **\$5.38** per square foot for future residential development.

Simultaneously, the SAB raised the CID rate from **\$0.84 to \$0.87** per square foot. As shown in **Table 2**, the facilities cost impact to the District for new CID has been calculated to range from \$0.05 to \$3.52 per square foot. The District is entitled to levy and collect the maximum statutory fee of \$0.87 per square foot on all categories of commercial/industrial development except the following categories, which are justified to collect at a lower rate per sq. ft.: Rental Self Storage at \$0.05, and Hospitality (Lodging) at \$0.83 per sq. ft.).

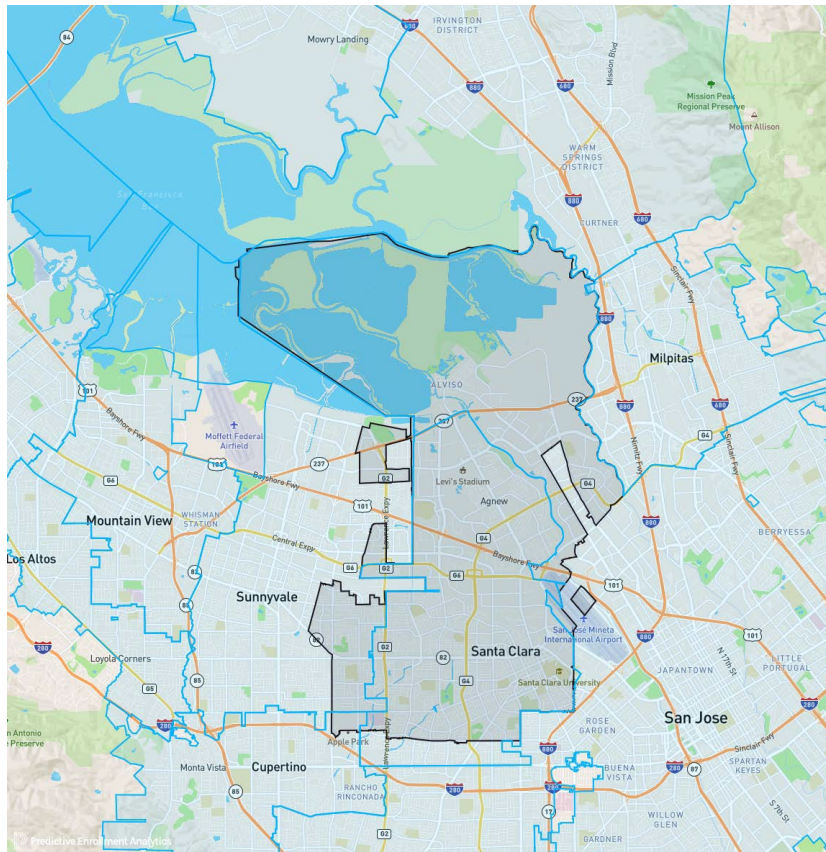
This DFJS demonstrates that the District requires its share of the full statutory impact fee to accommodate impacts from development activity.

The following shows the comparison of the old and new fee amounts:

Santa Clara Unified School District Developer Fee Rates

	<u>Previous</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change</u>
Residential	\$5.17	\$5.38	\$0.21
Commercial/Ind.	\$0.84	\$0.87	\$0.03
District Share	100%		

The District is located in the heart of northern Santa Clara County, forming an irregular shape that spans across **the Cities of Santa Clara**, parts of **Sunnyvale**, **north San Jose**, and a small edge of **Cupertino**. Its boundaries weave around neighboring districts, major roadways, and historic attendance lines. A reduced-size boundary map is shown below. A larger boundary map is provided in Exhibit B.



Educational services are provided to students in transitional kindergarten (“TK”) through grade 12, as well as through early childhood education, post-secondary education, and adult education programs. The District operates 18 Elementary Schools, a K-8 School, four Middle

Schools, three comprehensive High Schools, an Early College High School program, a continuation High School, an alternative High School, and a Community Day School.

For the 2025–2026 school year, the District’s existing permanent facilities provide capacity for 21,732 students, based on general education classroom loading standards by grade level. This capacity represents 100 percent of standard general education capacity and is utilized solely for planning and analytical purposes in this DFJS. Capacity estimates reflect typical classroom loading assumptions and accounts for site-specific programmatic, operational, and instructional requirements at individual campuses, including special education, magnet, or other specialized uses required for the District’s educational program. Of the total general education capacity, 7,383 seats are attributable to elementary schools (grades TK–5), 6,541 seats to middle schools (grades 6–8), and 7,808 seats to high schools (grades 9–12). Districtwide enrollment for the 2025–2026 school year totals 13,962 students.

2. Justification

Based on the data and rationale provided in this Study, as shown in **Table 1** below, the District is justified in levying the maximum allowable fee of \$5.38 per square foot of residential covered and enclosed space. This is because future residential development generates a school facility cost impact of \$17.78 per square foot.

School Facilities Cost Impact per Residential Unit	Average Square Footage per Residential Unit	School Facilities Cost Impact per Square Foot
\$19,421.28	1,092	\$17.78

Table 1. School Facilities Cost Impact per Square Foot

Additionally, the District can levy the rates for new commercial/industrial development as specified in **Table 2** below. Since the fee rates identified in **Table 2** exceed the maximum allowable fee of \$0.87 per square foot, in all but two instances, fees for all other categories of CID can be collected at the statutory rate. For the categories of Rental Self-Storage and Hospitality (Lodging), the fee justified is \$0.05 and \$0.83, respectively.

Net School Impact Per Square Foot	
Category	Net School Impact per Square Foot
Banks	\$2.08
Community Shopping Center	\$1.13
Neighborhood Shopping Center	\$2.06
Industrial Business Parks	\$2.58
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	\$0.99
Rental Self-Storage	\$0.05
Research & Development	\$2.24
Hospitality (Lodging)	\$0.83
Commercial Offices (Standard)	\$3.52
Commercial Offices (Large High Rise)	\$3.34
Corporate Offices	\$1.97
Medical Offices	\$3.14

Table 2. School Facilities Cost Impact per Square Foot

To establish the required nexus and determine a justifiable residential school fee pursuant to Government Code Section 65995, this DFJS evaluates the school facility needs attributable to students generated by future residential development within the School District. Based on data from the City of Santa Clara, the City of San Jose, the City of Sunnyvale, the US Census Bureau, and development information, it is estimated that approximately 12,375 additional new residential units through calendar year 2030 (“Future Units”) will be developed. While the five-year period through 2030 represents a planning period horizon, development authorized by existing zoning and existing and future entitlements may reasonably extend beyond this period and continue to generate additional student enrollment.

The Future Units are used solely as a planning-level analytical assumption to estimate potential student generation and associated facility needs in accordance with CEQA and Government Code §65995 and do not represent a cap on development or a commitment to build. Consistent with current entitled and planned development categories, the Future Units include approximately 124 single family units, 1,237 multi-family attached units, 9,776 apartments, and 1,237 affordable units of various types.

Based on the average residential square footage of new housing constructed within the School District, the projected school facility fees will offset approximately 16% of the total school facility impacts attributable to this new residential development.

Introduction

The DFJS for the District aims to establish a nexus between residential development and CID and the need, cost, and statutory fees for school facilities. Developer fees, also considered impact fees, acknowledge the impact of new developments on the District's ability to provide adequate facilities. The report achieves two main objectives:

1. Identifies the cost of school facilities for future residential development and CID in the district to justify fee collection.
2. Explains the relationship between fees and the developments on which they are applied.

Developer Fee Background

Education Code §17620 grants school districts the authority to impose developer fees, allowing them to levy charges on development projects for constructing or reconstructing school facilities. To do so, a district must establish a connection (or "nexus") between new residential, commercial, and industrial development and the need for additional school facilities.

In 1986, AB 2926 (Chapter 887) was approved, empowering school districts to impose development fees while setting limits on the total fees collected. This legislation established maximum fees (adjustable for inflation) at \$1.50 per square foot for new residential construction and \$0.25 per square foot for new commercial/industrial construction. Every two years, the State Allocation Board (SAB) reviews and adjusts these amounts based on the statewide Class B construction index. On **January 28, 2026**, the SAB increased Level 1 fees to **\$5.38** per square foot for residential construction and **\$0.87** per square foot for commercial/industrial construction.

Government Code §66000 through §66003, established by Assembly Bill 1600 in January 1989, requires school districts to make specific findings when imposing development fees. These findings include establishing a cost nexus, benefit nexus, and burden nexus to ensure that fees do not exceed the cost of providing necessary school facilities and benefit students generated by development.

In 1997, Government Code §66008 (SB 1983) mandated specific details in fee justification documents, such as the intended use of collected fees, the locations of new school facilities, and estimated construction timelines. However, these timelines can be influenced by various factors, including the actual phasing of new development and the availability of state and local funding.

JUSTIFICATION

The Leroy Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, enacted through Senate Bill 50, brought significant changes to the State Facilities Program and regulations surrounding developer fees. Education Code §17620 was amended to establish the provisions of Government Code §65995.

The State School Facilities Program replaced the State Lease-Purchase Program, requiring a 50% district contribution for new state construction projects unless economic "hardship" status is established. Modernization projects demand a 40% local (district) contribution as per AB 16 (Chaptered 4/29/02).

SB 50 repealed locally imposed fees authorized by local ordinances and introduced the collection of three levels of developer fees.

LEVEL 1 FEES

Level 1 fees are the current statutory fees allowed under Education Code §17620. On **January 28, 2026**, the State Allocation Board's biennial inflation adjustment increased the Statutory Level 1 Fees to **\$5.38** per square foot for residential construction and **\$0.87** per square foot for commercial/industrial construction.

LEVEL 2 FEES

Level 2 developer fees are outlined in Government Code §65995.5. This code section allows a school district to impose a higher fee on residential construction if certain conditions are met. This level of developer fees is subject to the completion of a School Facility Needs Analysis based on Government Code §65995.6.

LEVEL 3 FEES

Authorized by SB 50 in 1998, Level 3 fees have never been implemented. They would be approximately twice the Level 2 fee. Level 3 fees require a condition in which state school construction funds have been exhausted; therefore, no state matching funds would exist with the District then being responsible for providing 100% of funding for any new school construction. The SAB is then required to provide written determination that state funds are not available prior to any district considering the levying Level 3 developer fees (Government Code §65995.7). Levying Level 3 fees also requires that the district have a current School Facility Needs Analysis (SFNA) in place; and is currently levying Level 2 fees.

SFNAs for Level 2 fees commonly include a calculation of the Level 3 fee as well, even though the Level 3 fee cannot be imposed at that time. Both AB 1903 and the education trailer bill (SB 1016) proposed to temporarily limit the ability of school districts to levy Level 3 developer fees.

PERMISSIBLE USE OF FEES

Developer Fees may be used for:

- a) Construction or reconstruction of school facilities; (Ed. Code § 17620, subd. (a).)
- b) Costs associated with conducting any study, finding, needs analysis or determination required as part of the process for adopting the fee; (Ed. Code § 17620, subd. (a)(5); Gov. Code § 65995.5, subd. (f).)
- c) Administering the fee, for which 3% of the fees collected may be expended; (Ed. Code § 17620, subd. (a)(5); Gov. Code § 65995.5, subd. (f).)
- d) Costs associated with conducting the meeting(s) required for levying a new fee or increasing an existing fee may be recovered by the district from the fee charged; (Gov. Code § 66016, subd. (c).)
- e) Costs attributable to the increased demand for public facilities reasonably related to the development in order to (1) refurbish existing facilities to maintain the existing level of service or (2) achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with a general plan (this appears to include compliance with a Facilities Master Plan or similar document). (Gov. Code § 66001, subd. (g).)

Government Code §66006 requires school facilities fees that are collected be placed into a separate capital facilities account or fund and specifies that those fees, and the interest earned on those fees, only be expended for the purposes for which they were collected.

IMPERMISSIBLE USE OF FEES

Developer fees generally may not be used for the following:

- a) The regular maintenance or routine repair of school buildings and facilities;
- b) The inspection, sampling, analysis, encapsulation, or removal of asbestos-containing materials, except where incidental to a construction or reconstruction project; or
- c) The purposes of deferred maintenance described in Ed. Code § 17582.

(Ed. Code § 17620, subd. (a)(3).)

According to Education Code §17625, a school district can charge a fee on manufactured or mobile homes only if all the following conditions are met:

1. The fee may be imposed only as to the initial installation of the manufactured or mobile home in the school district.
2. A manufactured or mobile home must not have been located previously on the pad where the manufactured or mobile home is to be installed.
3. The construction of the pad where the manufactured or mobile home is to be located must have commenced after September 1, 1986.

According to Education Code §17622, no school fee may be imposed and collected on a greenhouse or other space covered or enclosed for agricultural purposes unless the school district has made findings supported by substantial evidence as follows:

1. The amount of the fees bears a reasonable relationship, and is limited to, the needs for school facilities created by the greenhouse or other space covered or enclosed for agricultural purposes.
2. The amount of the fee does not exceed the estimated reasonable costs of the school facilities necessitated by the structures for which the fees are to be collected.
3. In determining the amount of the fees, the school district shall consider the relationship between the proposed increase in the number of employees, if any, the size and specific use of the structure, as well as the cost of construction.

In October 1989, Assembly Bill 181 was enacted to clarify several areas of developer fee law. The provisions include the following:

1. Exempts from fees residential expansion remodels of 500 square feet or less.
2. Prohibits the use of developer fee revenue for routine maintenance and repair, most asbestos work, and deferred maintenance expenditures.
3. Allows the fees to be used to pay for the cost of performing developer fee justification studies.

4. States that fees are to be collected at the time of occupancy unless the district can justify earlier collection. The fees can be collected at the time the building permit is issued if the district has established a developer fee account and funds have been appropriated for which the district has adopted a proposed construction schedule or plan prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.
5. Clarifies that the establishment or increase of fees is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.
6. Clarifies that the impact of commercial and industrial development may be analyzed by categories of development as well as on an individual project-by-project basis. An appeals process for individual projects is required if an analysis is to be done by category.
7. Changes the frequency of the annual inflation adjustment on the maximum fee to every two years.
8. Exempts from fees development used exclusively for religious purposes, private schools, and government-owned development.
9. Expands the definition of senior housing, which is limited to the commercial/industrial fee “cap,” and requires the conversion from senior housing to be approved by the city/county after notification of the school district.
10. Extends the commercial/industrial fee “cap” to mobile-home parks limited to older persons.

3. Methodology

To assess the existence of a nexus, the DFJS identifies the connection between residential and/or commercial/industrial development and 1) the need for school facilities; 2) the cost of those facilities; and 3) the amount of school fees that can justifiably be levied.

The elements that create these connections include:

1. Student Generation Factor (“SGF”) – The number of new students likely to be generated by new residential development. This data was generated by Davis Demographics/MGT in its Student Population Forecast by Residence Report, based on historical data and trends and relationships between housing units and student enrollment;

2. Residential development and/or CID reasonably expected to be constructed within the school district's boundaries within the next five years. This data was collected from the respective cities' planning department, identifying both the number of residential units to be constructed as well as the square footage of those projected residential units;
3. Facility Requirements – the extent of school facilities necessary to house new students generated based on an analysis of the District's current **permanent** classroom inventory compared to the District's current population by grade span level;
4. School Facility Cost Impacts – The costs associated with the construction of additional school facilities necessary to adequately house the students generated from new development;
5. The School Fee requirements – the school district needs to levy a fee to cover a portion of the costs of the additional facilities required

School facilities costs estimates were developed by MGT in conjunction with a well-established construction contractor knowledgeable as to costs of construction. Land cost is based on a professional real estate appraisal.

4. Residential Development Impact

Existing Facilities Capacity

To determine the need for additional school facilities, the capacity of the District's existing facilities must be identified and compared to current and anticipated enrollments.

The loading standards in the California Code of Regulations, Title II, §1859.35, set capacity on a district-wide basis rather than on a school-level basis for the purposes of levying developer fees; but in conducting this study, the District's own loading standards were used and applied to permanent classrooms as illustrated in **Table 3**.

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	Grades TK	Grades K-3	Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12	Special Education Non-Severe	Special Education Severe
District Classroom Loading Factor	20:1	22:1	27:1	31:1	32:1	8:1	8:1

Table 3. District Classroom Loading Factors

As shown in **Table 4**, the District’s permanent capacity for the 2025–2026 school year is calculated to be **21,732 seats**, based on the District’s inventory of permanent classroom facilities and the application of standard classroom loading factors. Of the **7,770 available permanent seats**, **512** are located at the elementary school level, **3,563** at the middle school level, and **3,695** at the high school level.

The District’s Certified **CALPADS enrollment for 2025–2026 is used for this DFJS is 13,962 students**. (The 13,962 is the total 14,200 reported in CALPADS, less 35 NPS students and 190 Mission Early College High School students housed in non-District facilities, and less 12 Santa Clara Community Day School students housed in facilities that are not available for new general education students.) The 2025-26 enrollment is below the total permanent capacity available across all grade spans. Accordingly, as reflected in Table 4, the District currently maintains sufficient permanent capacity to accommodate enrollment in grades **TK–12**. This assessment of existing conditions provides the baseline for evaluating the incremental facility impacts associated with new residential development, consistent with the nexus and proportionality requirements of the Government Code and CEQA.

School Level	2025/2026 Facilities Capacity*	2025/2026 Student Enrollment	Surplus or (Shortage) of Permanent Capacity
Elementary (TK-5)	7,383	6,871	512
Middle (6-8)	6,541	2,978	3,563
High (9-12)	7,808	4,113	3,695
Total	21,732	13,962	7,770
*Represents permanent capacity only			

Table 4. District Surplus/(Shortage) of Permanent Classroom Capacity

All capacity calculations in this study are based on the District’s ability to house students in **permanent** classrooms. This approach reflects the District’s commitment to providing all students with a consistent and equitable level of facility-based service, ensuring that this

standard is maintained for both current students and those generated by future residential development.

While the District has historically used portable classroom structures to address short-term enrollment needs, these units have always been intended as temporary accommodations. The District's long-standing philosophy emphasizes that portable classrooms do not offer the same quality, longevity, or educational environment as permanent facilities and are therefore considered interim solutions until adequate local and state funding becomes available to construct permanent classrooms.

Several factors support the use of portable classrooms as interim housing rather than permanent capacity:

- **Lifespan:** Portable classrooms have a shorter lifespan compared to permanent structures.
- **Maintenance:** Portable classrooms are inherently more challenging to maintain over an extended period.
- **Equity:** Using portable classrooms can create issues of equity. Ensuring the same level of service for all students, including those from future developments, is a fundamental principle of the District's vision.
- **Location:** Portable classrooms are often placed at the fringes of a campus, making it difficult to locate them in favorable locations.
- **Flexibility:** Portable classrooms are challenging to reconfigure to meet new instructional standards, such as flexible learning environments.

Again, although the district currently has the capacity to house students in permanent classroom facilities it is the District's responsibility to ensure that classrooms and support facilities are maintained and modernized to twenty first century learning environments.

Abram Agnew Elementary, Dolores Huerta Middle School, and Kathleen MacDonald High School, are new schools, built in 2021, 2021, and 2022, respectively. Excepting these three schools, most of the rest of the District's schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s. Not counting the three new schools, the average age of the District's facilities is approximately 65 years, therefore, without modernization of aging buildings, some facilities will become uninhabitable due to health and safety concerns, which will decrease the District's total student capacity. New development in the District necessitates that modernization occur in order to continue having available school housing for newly generated students. If there was no such new development, the District would

be able to close school facilities rather than modernize or reconstruct them to balance enrollment and capacity. However, because of new development, reconstruction and modernization must occur to have available school housing for the new students from development(s). As part of its modernization efforts, as described in the District's Facilities Master Plan, the District plans to modernize existing schools and to replace/remove its existing relocatable buildings as the existing facilities become old, inadequate, and pose health and safety challenges.

The cost to modernize facilities is 40 percent of new construction costs. The percentage is based on the comparison of the State per student modernization grant (including 3% for Americans with Disabilities and Fire, Life Safety improvements) and the State per student new construction grant. To demonstrate, the State provides \$16,411 per K-6 student, \$17,358 per 7-8 student, and \$22,086 per 9-12 student for new facilities; and to modernize facilities \$6,249 per K-6 student, \$6,608 per 7-8 student and \$8,653 per 9-12 student for new facilities. The new grant amounts that were approved on January 28, 2026, are 3.56% more than the adjusted grant amounts approved in January 2024. In addition, the State provides a minimum of 3% for ADA/FLS improvements which are required by the Department of State Architect's (DSA) office. Based on the per student grant amounts and the ADA/FLS costs, the estimated cost to modernize facilities is 40% of the cost to construct facilities. The School Facility Program per student grant amounts are included in **Exhibit A-1 and A-2**.

Student Generation

In determining the impact of new development, the District is required to show how many students will be generated from the new developments. To ensure that new development is paying only for the impact of those students that are being generated by new homes and businesses, the student generation factor is applied to the number of new housing units to determine development-related impacts.

The student generation factor identifies the number of students per housing unit and provides a link between residential construction projects and projections of enrollment. The State-wide factor used by the Office of Public-School Construction is 0.70 for grades TK-12. For the purposes of this Study, we will use the local factors to determine the students generated from new housing developments. The District provided local factors derived from their Student Population Forecast Reports, 2024. **Table 5** shows the student generation factors for the various grade groupings and by type of residential unit.

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School Level	Student Generation Rate			
	SFD	MFA	APT	AFF
Elementary (TK-5)	0.180	0.056	0.015	0.232
Middle (6-8)	0.001	0.029	0.004	0.116
High (9-12)	0.012	0.022	0.006	0.154

Table 5. Student Generation Factors

Using the student generation factors listed above and multiplying them by the projected number of dwelling units (by land use type) yields the projected enrollment from new residential development. When facilities costs to house new students from development are calculated per square foot, the per square foot cost exceeds the Level 1 developer fee rate, as presented in **Table 6** below. Tables 7 through 11 demonstrate these calculations.

School Facilities Cost Impact per Residential Unit	Average Square Footage per Residential Unit	School Facilities Cost Impact per Square Foot
\$19,423.34	1,092	\$17.78

Table 6. School Facilities Cost Impact per Square Foot

Projected Residential Development Impact

The initial step in developing a nexus as required by AB 2926 and AB 1600 is determining the number of future residential units to be constructed within the District's boundaries. Existing law requires that a reasonable relationship be established between residential development and the need to collect fees to mitigate new school construction for students generated from these new developments. Information about approved residential developments and planned residential developments under Planning Department review was obtained from documentation from the City of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose Planning Departments. This research identified 9,983 residential units ("identified units") encompassing 10,968,592 square feet. The type of unit and estimated average square footage per type of residential unit is displayed in the left side of **Table 7** below.

The U.S. Census documented Santa Clara County building permits totaling 4,115 in 2024 and 5,570 in 2025, a growth rate of over 26%. Projecting growth forward five years provides an

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estimate of 58,928 permits over the five-year period. It is reasonably estimated based on development plans, that approximately 21% of these permits, 12,376, would be within the District. Of these 12,375 projected units, 9,983 identified units are either approved or under review by the Planning Divisions of the Cities of Santa Clara and San Jose, as detailed in the prior paragraph. Planning documentation for these identified units provided details on types of units and square footage. The remaining as yet unidentified 2,392 units, anticipated to be in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose, were estimated to be proportionately similar in type of unit and square footage. The right side of **Table 7** below shows the breakdown of the identified units and the as yet unidentified units, and the total units anticipated to be built by 2030.

Land Use Type	New Residential Dwelling Units (Approved/Under Review)	Total Proposed Square Footage	Average Sq. Ft. per Dwelling Unit
Single Family Detached	54	149,592	2,770
Multi-Family Attached	1,022	2,155,968	2,110
Appartments	7,866	7,578,168	963
Affordable	1,042	1,020,685	980
Total Dwelling Units	9,984	10,904,413	1,092

Land Use Type	New Units-Approved/Under Review	New Units-Additional Estimated	Total New Residential Units (5 Years)
SFD	54	24	78
MFA	1,022	239	1,261
APT	7,866	1,890	9,756
AFF	1,042	239	1,281
Total Dwelling Units	9,984	2,392	12,376

Table 7. Projected Residential Construction by Type

Using the student generation factors listed above and multiplying them by the projected number of dwelling units (by land use type) yields the projected enrollment from new residential development as presented in **Table 8**.

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School Level	Student Generation Rate By Unit Type				Students Generated By Unit Type				Total Students Generated From New Development
	SFD	MFA	APT	AFF	SFD	MFA	APT	AFF	
	78	1,261	9,756	1,281					
Elementary (TK-5)	0.180	0.056	0.015	0.232	14	71	146	297	528
Middle (6-8)	0.001	0.029	0.004	0.116	0	37	39	149	224
High (9-12)	0.012	0.022	0.006	0.154	1	28	59	197	284
Total	15	135	244	643					1037

Table 8. Students Generated from New Residential Construction

As is depicted in **Table 9** below, there is a shortage of seats at the Elementary grade levels. As a result, the projected new elementary school students generated by future residential development will require additional permanent facilities.

School Level	Projected Students from New Residential Dwelling Units	Existing Surplus/ (Shortage) of Seats	Projected Total (Unhoused)/ Surplus Students
Elementary (TK-5)	528	512	(17)
Middle (6-8)	224	3,563	3,339
High (9-12)	284	3,695	3,411
Total	1037	7,770	6,733

Table 9. Projected Unhoused or Surplus Student Seats

When the District's existing permanent capacity is evaluated together with the additional students projected from future residential development, the analysis identifies a Districtwide permanent capacity deficit of 17 Elementary seats, as well as substantial modernization needs.

Consistent with CEQA requirements for disclosure of school facility impacts, this analysis indicates that future student generation from planned residential development will exceed the District's existing permanent capacity at the elementary level and will result in an overall Districtwide permanent capacity deficit. Under Government Code Sections 65995–65997, statutory school developer fees represent the District's authorized method to provide partial

mitigation for the increased demand for school facilities associated with new residential construction.

School Facility Construction Costs

The next step in the DFJS process is to assess the impact of new student enrollment on school facilities construction costs. There is a clear relationship (nexus) between the construction and occupancy of new housing units and the increased need for additional school facilities.

MGT, in collaboration with a prominent construction contractor specializing in school facilities, prepared school facilities cost estimates. Land costs were determined from a professional real estate appraisal. These estimates consider CDE recommendations on both acreage and the number of students per school site. The costs detailed in the table below include site acquisition, development costs, hard and soft construction costs, as well as furniture and equipment, as shown in **Exhibits C-1, C-2, and C-3**.

Since developer fees are calculated on a “per square foot” basis, the DFJS approaches the calculation of school facilities impact through a four-step process:

1. **Calculating Facilities Cost Impact:** Using construction cost estimates for each type of school (elementary, middle, and high school), the facilities cost impact for the total number of students generated by future development was calculated.
2. **Identifying Cost Impact by Land Use:** The school facilities cost impact was identified based on different land uses (e.g., single-family detached, multifamily attached, apartments, and affordable units).
3. **Determining Cost Impact per Residential Unit:** The cost impact on school facilities per future residential unit was then identified.
4. **Calculating Cost Impact per Square Foot:** Finally, the school facilities cost impact per square foot of residential construction was calculated.

In the initial step, construction costs were used for a given school type to determine the cost per grade span, subsequently generating a cost per student, per grade span. This provided a basis for determining the facilities cost impact of the additional students, as reflected in **Table 10**.

4. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

School Facility Construction Costs					
School Type	Standard # of Students per Facility	Cost per Facility ¹	Cost per Student ¹	# of Additional Students From Development	Projected Cost Impact of Additional Students
Elementary (TK-5)	600	\$122,251,992	\$203,753	528	\$107,620,059
Middle (6-8)	1000	\$243,624,800	\$243,625	224	\$54,618,000
High (9-12)	1800	\$502,506,101	\$279,170	284	\$79,420,531
Totals	---	---	---	1037	\$241,658,590

¹ Includes site acquisition, site development, "hard" construction costs, and "soft costs" including FF&E (Exhibits C1-C2)

Table 10. Projected Impact of Additional Students

Using the school facilities cost impacts for each land use, in conjunction with the projected units by land use, facilities costs impact on a per-residential unit can be calculated.

Then, to fulfill the statutory requirements imposed by AB 2926 and AB 1600, both of which added sections to the Government Code, the school facilities cost impacts must be calculated on a "per square foot" basis. Information was collected on the specific number of future residential dwelling units as well as their square footage. Using the calculations developed in **Table 11** the facilities cost impact per-square foot is reflected below.

Per Square Foot Impact of Additional Students					
Housing Type	Total School Facility Impact	Projected Residential Units	School Facility Cost Impacts per Residential Unit	Average Square Footage	Per Sq. Ft. Impact of Additional Students
Single Family Detached	\$3,122,000	78	\$40,026	2770	\$14.45
Multi-Family Attached	\$31,042,095	1261	\$24,617	2110	\$11.67
Apartments	\$55,665,973	9756	\$5,706	963	\$5.92
Affordable	\$151,828,521	1281	\$118,523	980	\$121.00
Totals	\$241,658,590	12376	\$19,526	1092	\$17.88

¹ Includes site acquisition, site development, "hard" construction costs, and "soft costs" including FF&E (Exhibits C1-C2)

Table 11. Projected Impact of Additional Students

Based on the District's calculated total school facility construction need of **\$241,658,590**, which is attributable to the students projected to be generated by future residential development,

and the total estimated **13,516,929 square feet** of new residential construction, the resulting analysis identifies a **weighted average school facility cost impact of \$17.88 per square foot** of new residential building area.

In accordance with the nexus and proportionality requirements established under **AB 2926** and **AB 1600**, and consistent with CEQA's mandate to disclose and address the cumulative impacts of new development, this cost impact represents the District's proportionate share of school facility needs directly associated with planned and foreseeable residential growth. Because the calculated cost impact significantly exceeds the statutory **Level 1 fee ceiling**, the District is fully justified in levying and collecting the **maximum allowable residential developer fee of \$5.38 per square foot** on new residential construction.

This statutory fee represents only a partial mitigation of the District's total documented school facility cost burden attributable to new residential development and is therefore both **reasonable and legally defensible** under State law and CEQA.

5. Commercial/Industrial Development (CID) Cost Impact

CID typically attracts additional workers to the District. Since some of these workers will have school-age children, this leads to an increase in student enrollment within the District. Consequently, new commercial and industrial developments create both facility and fiscal impacts, necessitating additional school facilities.

According to Assembly Bill 181, if a school district intends to levy developer fees on CIDs, the district must "... determine the impact of the increased number of employees anticipated to result from commercial and industrial development upon the cost of providing school facilities within the district. For the purposes of making this determination, the [developer fee justification] study shall utilize employee generation estimates that are based on commercial and industrial factors within the district, as calculated on either an individual project or categorical basis."

Assembly Bill 181 was amended by Assembly Bill 530 (Chapter 633/Statutes of 1990), which permits the use of statewide employee generation factors. Additionally, AB 530 allows the application of employee generation factors identified in the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) report titled "San Diego Traffic Generators." This study specifies the number of employees generated per 1,000 square feet of floor area for various categories of commercial and industrial development.

This report employs the following factors to calculate the school facilities costs incurred by the District per square foot of new commercial and industrial development:

- Employees generated per 1,000 square feet of new commercial/industrial development
- Percentage of employees that also reside within the District
- Number of employees within the District's boundaries per household
- Percentage of new versus existing homes sold within the District
- Residential development cost factors, including:
 - Students per dwelling unit (Student Generation Factor)
 - Average size of new dwelling units in square feet
 - School facilities cost per student
 - Current residential Level 1 fees

New Commercial/Industrial Impact

This section of the DFJS evaluates the connection between CID in the District and the following factors: (i) the need for school facilities; (ii) the cost of school facilities; and (iii) the statutory school fees ("School Fees") per square foot that may be levied according to Assembly Bill ("AB") 181, §66001 of the Government Code, and subdivision (e) of §17621 of the Education Code.

New CID typically generates additional employees who will reside in the District, thereby increasing the demand for additional school facilities. The number of new and existing households generated from such development is calculated for each category of CID.

Using data from SANDAG's San Diego Traffic Generators report and the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of households generated by each category of commercial/industrial development has been estimated, as detailed in **Table 12**.

Employment Impacts:

Employment impacts for each land use category are represented by the estimated number of employees generated per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space, focusing on potential on-site employees.

Household Impacts:

Household impacts are represented by the estimated number of households associated with each category of employment impacts per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space. These impacts include:

- The total estimated number of households based on on-site employees, regardless of their location, per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space.
- The estimated number of households that will be located within the School District per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space.
- The estimated net number of school district households that will occupy new housing within the School District per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space.
- Net school district household impacts are assumed to be those created by new housing units, which may generate a net demand for new school facilities, unlike existing housing units, which do not generate additional fee revenue.

Assumptions and Data Sources:

Total household impact estimates are based on the average number of employed persons per household, as calculated from U.S. Census data. District household impact estimates are derived from the percentage of employed persons who both live and work within the District, as provided by the U.S. Census. Net District household impacts represent the ratio of new homes to total homes within the District's boundaries.

Student Generation Impacts:

Student generation impacts are calculated based on the estimated number of the District's students associated with each category of net school district household impacts per 1,000 square feet of CID floor space. Separate student generation impacts are estimated for each school level (i.e., elementary, middle, and high school).

Assumptions and Data Sources:

Student generation impacts are based on Student Generation Factors (SGFs) provided by the District. Employment estimates are derived from U.S. Census data.

School Facilities Costs Impacts:

School facilities cost impacts are represented by the estimated gross school facilities cost impacts associated with each category of CID. These impacts are estimated for school facilities at each school level and are based on facility construction costs at all school levels including site acquisition costs.

Assumptions and Data Sources:

School facilities cost impacts were calculated by multiplying the additional school facilities needed to adequately accommodate students generated from future residential units by the estimated school facilities costs.

5. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (CID) COST IMPACT

Description of Data

Column A – CID Land Use Category as identified in Assembly Bill [AB] 530 (Chapter 633/Statutes of 1990)

Column B – Employees Generated by per 1000 square feet of CID as codified in AB 530 (Chapter 633/Statutes of 1990) permitting the use of the **San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)** report titled, ***San Diego Traffic Generators***.

Column C – Percent of employees both living and working within District boundaries (U.S. Census)

Column D – Employees per household within District boundaries (U.S. Census)

Column E – Number of households per 1000 square feet of CID

Column F – To determine the number of new households generated by new CID, research was conducted using U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Census data. This research reviewed new housing construction within the District area over the past five years. The findings showed a 12.54% growth in owner/renter-occupied housing. This percentage is then applied to **Column E** in **Table 12** to calculate the new household impact of CID.

New Household Impact per 1,000 Square Feet Commercial/Industrial*					
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
Category	Employees Generated Per 1,000 Square Feet	% Employees Living & Working in School District	Employees in the District per Household	No. of School District Households per 1,000 sq. ft. CID $B \times C \div D$	New Household Impact
Banks	2.8253	66.422%	1.556	1.2064	0.1513
Community Shopping Center	1.5348	66.422%	1.556	0.6554	0.0822
Neighborhood Shopping Center	2.7985	66.422%	1.556	1.1950	0.1499
Industrial Business Parks	3.5156	66.422%	1.556	1.5012	0.1883
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	1.3473	66.422%	1.556	0.5753	0.0722
Rental Self-Storage	0.0643	66.422%	1.556	0.0275	0.0034
Research & Development	3.0408	66.422%	1.556	1.2984	0.1629
Hospitality(Lodging)	1.1325	66.422%	1.556	0.4836	0.0607
Commercial Offices (Standard)	4.7897	66.422%	1.556	2.0452	0.2565
Commercial Offices (Lg. High Rise)	4.5442	66.422%	1.556	1.9403	0.2434
Corporate Offices	2.6848	66.422%	1.556	1.1464	0.1438
Medical Offices	4.2654	66.422%	1.556	1.8213	0.2284

*Includes new and existing households

Table 12. New Household Impact per 1,000 square feet

Student Generation

The student generation impact for each commercial/industrial category is the number of students generated by employees (per square foot of commercial/industrial development) that are living in new households located within the District. This was calculated by multiplying the New Household Impact (**Table 12, Column F**) by the District's student generation factors. The result is the Student Generation Rates by CID category (**Table 13**).

Student Generation by Commercial/Industrial Category				
Category	Elementary (TK-5)	Middle (6-8)	High (9-12)	Total Student Generation Impact
Banks	0.0065	0.0028	0.0035	0.0127
Community Shopping Center	0.0035	0.0015	0.0019	0.0069
Neighborhood Shopping Center	0.0064	0.0027	0.0035	0.0126
Industrial Business Parks	0.0080	0.0034	0.0044	0.0158
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	0.0031	0.0013	0.0017	0.0061
Rental Self-Storage	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0003
Research & Development	0.0070	0.0030	0.0038	0.0137
Hospitality(Lodging)	0.0026	0.0011	0.0014	0.0051
Commercial Offices (Standard)	0.0110	0.0047	0.0059	0.0216
Commercial Offices (Large High Rise)	0.0104	0.0044	0.0056	0.0205
Corporate Offices	0.0061	0.0026	0.0033	0.0121
Medical Offices	0.0098	0.0042	0.0053	0.0192

Table 13. Student Generation Rates by Commercial/Industrial Category

Net School Facility Impact

The net school facility impact is calculated by first determining the total gross school facility cost generated by CID, as shown in **Table 15**. This calculation involves multiplying the total student generation impact (**Table 13**) by the facilities cost impact per student (**Table 14**) at each respective school level.

5. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (CID) COST IMPACT

School Facilities Cost Impact/Student	
School Level	Cost Impact per Student
Elementary (TK-5)	\$203,753
Middle (6-8)	\$243,625
High (9-12)	\$279,170

Table 14. School Facilities Cost Impact

Gross Facilities Impact per Commercial/Industrial Category				
Category	Elementary School Cost Impact	Middle School Cost Impact	High School Cost Impact	Total Gross Facilities Cost Impact
Banks	\$1,318	\$672	\$977	\$2,966
Community Shopping Center	\$716	\$365	\$530	\$1,611
Neighborhood Shopping Center	\$1,305	\$666	\$967	\$2,938
Industrial Business Parks	\$1,640	\$836	\$1,215	\$3,691
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	\$628	\$321	\$466	\$1,415
Rental Self-Storage	\$30	\$15	\$22	\$68
Research & Development	\$1,418	\$723	\$1,051	\$3,192
Hospitality(Lodging)	\$528	\$269	\$391	\$1,189
Commercial Offices (Standard)	\$2,234	\$1,139	\$1,655	\$5,029
Commercial Offices (Large High Rise)	\$2,119	\$1,081	\$1,571	\$4,771
Corporate Offices	\$1,252	\$639	\$928	\$2,819
Medical Offices	\$1,989	\$1,015	\$1,474	\$4,478

Table 15. Gross Facilities Cost Impact per Commercial Category

RESIDENTIAL FEE OFFSET

When additional employees are generated in the District as a result of new CID, fees will also be charged on the residential units necessary to provide housing for the employees living in the District. To prevent a CID from paying for the portion of the impact that will be covered by the residential fee, this amount has been calculated and deducted from each category. The residential offset amount is calculated by multiplying the New Household Impact (**Table 12, Column F**) by the current statutory fee generated from the average square foot home. The result is subtracted from the total gross facilities cost impact (**Table 15**) and the result is the **Net School Impact** per 1,000 square feet of commercial and industrial development (**Table 16**).

5. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (CID) COST IMPACT

Residential Fee Offset				
Category	School District Households Impact	Total Impact to School	Residential Revenue Generated	Net School Impact per 1,000 Com/Ind Sq Ft.
Banks	0.1513	\$2,966	\$889	\$2,077
Community Shopping Center	0.0822	\$1,611	\$483	\$1,128
Neighborhood Shopping Center	0.1499	\$2,938	\$881	\$2,057
Industrial Business Parks	0.1883	\$3,691	\$1,106	\$2,585
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	0.0722	\$1,415	\$424	\$991
Rental Self-Storage	0.0034	\$68	\$20	\$47
Research & Development	0.1629	\$3,192	\$957	\$2,236
Hospitality(Lodging)	0.0607	\$1,189	\$356	\$833
Commercial Offices (Standard)	0.2565	\$5,029	\$1,507	\$3,521
Commercial Offices (Large High Rise)	0.2434	\$4,771	\$1,430	\$3,341
Corporate Offices	0.1438	\$2,819	\$845	\$1,974
Medical Offices	0.2284	\$4,478	\$1,342	\$3,136

Table 16. Residential Fee Offset

NET SCHOOL FACILITIES COST IMPACT

To meet the statutory requirements of AB 2926 and AB 1600, the school facilities cost impacts must be calculated on a "per square foot" basis. The data in **Table 16** was divided by 1,000 to determine the Net Facilities Cost Impact per square foot.

Net School Impact Per Square Foot	
Category	Net School Impact per Square Foot
Banks	\$2.08
Community Shopping Center	\$1.13
Neighborhood Shopping Center	\$2.06
Industrial Business Parks	\$2.58
Industrial Parks/Warehousing	\$0.99
Rental Self-Storage	\$0.05
Research & Development	\$2.24
Hospitality (Lodging)	\$0.83
Commercial Offices (Standard)	\$3.52
Commercial Offices (Large High Rise)	\$3.34
Corporate Offices	\$1.97
Medical Offices	\$3.14

Table 17. Net Facilities Cost Impact per Commercial Category

As shown in **Table 17**, all CID categories, except Rental Self Storage and Hospitality (Lodging), equal or exceed the maximum allowable CID developer fee of \$0.87 per square foot. The facilities cost impact for new CID has been calculated to range from **\$0.05 to \$3.52 per square foot**. Therefore, the District is justified in collecting CID developer fees at the rate of **\$0.87** per square foot for all categories, except for **Rental Self Storage and Hospitality (Lodging)**, where the District can only collect **\$0.05 and \$0.83, respectively** per square foot of construction.

6. Available Revenue Sources for School Funding

In general, there are two primary sources of funding for the construction and reconstruction of school facilities: state sources and local sources. The District has considered the following:

State Sources

State School Facility Program

Senate Bill 50 (August 1998) established the School Facility Program, which provides funding under a "grant" program once a school district establishes eligibility. Funding for new construction is offered as a 50/50 match (State/District) and at a 60/40 match (State/District) for

modernization projects. Districts may levy the current statutory developer fee, provided they can justify its collection.

Local Sources

Developer Fee Revenue

Under statutes enacted by SB 50, districts may levy the current statutory developer fee as long as they can justify collecting that fee. If a district desires to collect an amount greater than the statutory fee (Level 2 or Level 3), it must meet specific requirements outlined in the law and conduct a School Facilities Needs Analysis to justify the higher fee. The District currently collects both residential and commercial/industrial fees at the rates established in 2024.

Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act

The Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 allows school districts to establish a Community Facilities District (CFD) to impose a special tax to raise funds for constructing school facilities.

General Obligation Bonds

General Obligation (GO) Bonds may be issued by any school district to purchase real property and construct or purchase buildings or equipment "of a permanent nature."

School District General Funds

The District's general-purpose funds are needed to provide for the operation of its instructional programs. There are no unencumbered funds available for constructing new facilities or reconstructing existing ones.

Expenditure of Lottery Funds

Government Code §880.5 states: "It is the intent of this chapter that all funds allocated from the California State Lottery Education Fund shall be used exclusively for the education of pupils and students, and no funds shall be spent for the acquisition of real property, construction of facilities, financing research, or any other non-instructional purpose."

Facility Funding Alternatives

The District currently lacks sufficient funding to provide adequate facilities or to cover the shortfall for projected construction costs. Therefore, the District is pursuing the following possible funding alternatives:

- Participation in the School Facility Program
- Utilizing interim housing where space permits
- Cooperating with developers to establish Community Facility Districts
- Exploring voter-approved General Obligation Bond elections, either through a two-thirds voter approval or Proposition 39 bonds (55% voter approval)
- Possible grant funding, partnership funding

Cost, Benefit and Burden Nexus

The findings in this study satisfy the three major elements required by legislation for levying developer fees:

Establishment of a Cost Nexus

The District may need to construct and/or reconstruct school facilities to house additional students generated by new development in the district. The cost to provide new and/or reconstructed facilities exceeds the amount of developer fees collected, thus establishing the cost nexus.

Establishment of a Benefit Nexus

Students generated by new residential and commercial/industrial development within the district will attend schools within the district. The fees imposed on new development will directly benefit the students generated by that development, thereby establishing a benefit nexus.

Establishment of a Burden Nexus

New students generated by development will create a need for additional and/or reconstructed school facilities. The burden on the district will be to construct new permanent facilities to house these students, and this need will be partially met by levying developer fees, thereby establishing a burden nexus.

Establishment of a Special Account

Pursuant to Government Code §66006, the district has established a special account where fees for capital facilities are deposited. These fees will be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected. Any interest income earned on the fees deposited in such an account must remain with the principal. The school district must make specific information available to the public within 180 days of the end of each fiscal year pertaining to each developer fee fund. The information required to be made available to the public by §66006 (b)(1) was amended by SB 1693 and includes specific details on fees expended and refunds made during the year.

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Exhibits

Exhibit A-1

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, January 28, 2026

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM GRANTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To adopt the annual adjustment to the School Facility Program (SFP) grants based on the change in construction costs pursuant to the Education Code (EC) and SFP Regulations.

DESCRIPTION

This item presents the State Allocation Board (Board) with the annual adjustment to the SFP grants based on the statewide cost index for Class B construction. Each year the Board adjusts the SFP grants to reflect construction cost changes. In January 2016, the Board adopted the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.¹) index for use in 2016 and future years. This item presents the 2026 annual adjustment to SFP grants based on the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) index.

AUTHORITY

See Attachment A.

STAFF ANALYSIS/STATEMENTS

At the January 2016 meeting, the Board adopted an increase to the SFP grants using the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) Construction Cost Index (CCI) as the statewide cost index for Class B construction.

The current rate of change between 2025 and 2026 for the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) Class B CCI is 3.56 percent. The chart below reflects the amounts previously adopted for 2025 compared to the potential amount for the new construction base grants.

RS Means (Gordian Group, Inc.) 3.56%			
Grade Level	Regulation Section	Current Adjusted Grant Per Pupil Effective 1-1-25	Potential Grant Per Pupil Effective 1-1-26
Elementary	1859.71	\$15,847	\$16,411
Middle	1859.71	\$16,761	\$17,358
High	1859.71	\$21,327	\$22,086
Special Day Class – Severe	1859.71.1	\$44,531	\$46,116
Special Day Class – Non-Severe	1859.71.1	\$29,782	\$30,842

¹ Effective September 27, 2025, RS Means was transitioned under the company's unified entity, The Gordian Group, Inc.

STAFF ANALYSIS/STATEMENTS (cont.)

The following chart shows the amounts previously adopted compared to the potential amount for the modernization base grants.

RS Means (Gordian Group, Inc.) 3.56%			
Grade Level	Regulation Section	Current Adjusted Grant Per Pupil Effective 1-1-25	Potential Grant Per Pupil Effective 1-1-26
Elementary	1859.78	\$6,034	\$6,249
Middle	1859.78	\$6,381	\$6,608
High	1859.78	\$8,356	\$8,653
Special Day Class – Severe	1859.78.3	\$19,232	\$19,917
Special Day Class – Non-Severe	1859.78.3	\$12,867	\$13,325

In addition, the CCI adjustment would increase the threshold amount for Government Code Section 66452.6(a)(2) for the period of one year commencing March 1, 2026. The following chart shows the amount previously adopted for 2025 compared to the resulting threshold amount, upon approval of the proposed 2026 CCI adjustment.

RS Means (Gordian Group, Inc.) 3.56%		
	Effective 3-1-2025	Potential 3-1-2026
Resulting Amount	\$399,010	\$413,215

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the increase of 3.56 percent for the 2026 SFP grants based on the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) Construction Cost Index as shown in Attachment B.

Exhibit A-2**January 28, 2026 Index Adjustment of Assessment for Development****STAFF ANALYSIS/STATEMENTS**

A historical comparison of the assessment rates for development fees for 2022 and 2024 are shown below for information. According to the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.), the cost index for Class B construction increased by 4.06 percent during the two-year period from January 2024 to January 2026, requiring the assessment for development fees to be adjusted as follows beginning January 2026:

RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) Index
Maximum Level I Assessment Per Square Foot

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2026</u>
Residential	\$4.79	\$5.17	\$5.38
Commercial/Industrial	\$0.78	\$0.84	\$0.87

RECOMMENDATION

Increase the 2026 maximum Level I assessment for development in the amount of 4.06 percent using the RS Means (The Gordian Group, Inc.) Index to be effective immediately.

Exhibit B-1 District Boundaries

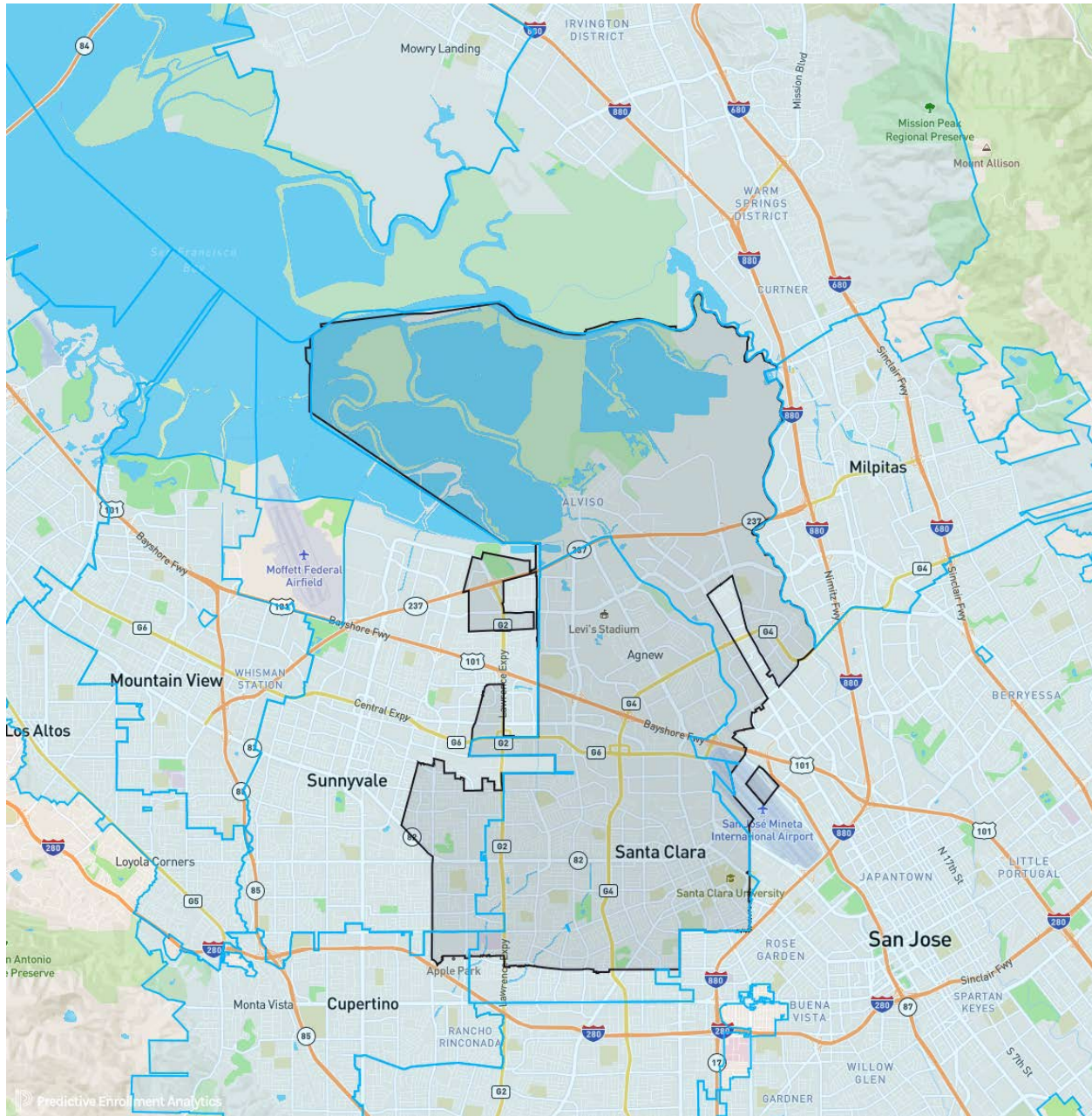


Exhibit C-1

Elementary School Construction Costs

Using a standard of 600 students, an elementary school should ideally reside on 11.7 acres per the State. In addition, building space is calculated based on 71 sq. ft. per elementary school student. It is with these assumptions that the total cost of acquiring the land for, and constructing an elementary school are presented:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Santa Clara Unified School District Estimated School Facilities Costs as provided by Erickson-Hall Construction, November 2025					
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			Students	0	COST
Site Costs					\$60,528,000
Land Acquisition Cost				\$60,528,000	
Acres (State Std.) -- 11.7 ac			11.7		
Total Cost per Acre ¹			\$5,173,333		
Construction Costs²	Sq. Ft.	Cost/Sq. Ft			\$41,705,400
Comprised of:					
Building, 71 sq. ft/student X 600 students	42,600	\$740		\$31,524,000	
Site, 42,600 sq ft	42,600	\$239		\$10,181,400	
Construction Management		10%			\$4,170,540
Soft costs		30%			\$12,511,620
Contingency		3%			\$1,251,162
FF&E		5%			\$2,085,270
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST					\$122,251,992
¹ Assumes site acquisition cost only;					
² Construction Costs including site development provided by Erickson Hall Construction Company, November 2025					

Exhibit C-2**Middle School Construction Costs**

Using a standard of 1,000 students, a middle school should ideally reside on at least 21.9 acres. In addition, building space is calculated based on 85 sq. ft. per middle school student. It is with these assumptions that the total cost of acquiring the land for, and constructing a middle school are presented:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Santa Clara Unified School District Estimated School Facilities Costs as provided by Erickson-Hall Construction, November 2025					
MIDDLE SCHOOL			Students	0	COST
Site Costs					\$113,296,000
Land Acquisition Cost				\$113,296,000	
Acres (State Std.) -- 21.9 ac			21.9		
Total Cost per Acre ¹			\$5,173,333		
Construction Costs²	Sq. Ft.	Cost/Sq. Ft			\$88,060,000
Comprised of:					
Building, 85 sq. ft/student X 1000 students	85,000	\$780		\$66,300,000	
Site, 85,000 sq ft.	85,000	\$256		\$21,760,000	
Construction Management	10%				\$8,806,000
Soft costs	30%				\$26,418,000
Contingency	3%				\$2,641,800
FF&E	5%				\$4,403,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST					\$243,624,800
¹ Assumes site acquisition cost only;					
² Construction Costs including site development provided by Erickson Hall Construction Company, November 2025					

Exhibit C-3**High School Construction Costs**

Using a standard of 1,800 students, a high school should ideally reside on at least 44.5 acres. In addition, building space is calculated based on 92 sq. ft. per high school student. It is with these assumptions that the total cost of acquiring the land for, and constructing a middle school are presented:

HIGH SCHOOL

Santa Clara Unified School District Estimated School Facilities Costs as provided by Erickson-Hall Construction, November 2025					
HIGH SCHOOL			Students	0	COST
Site Costs					\$230,213,333
Land Acquisition Cost				\$230,213,333	
Acres (State Std.) -- 44.5 ac			44.5		
Total Cost per Acre ¹			\$5,173,333		
Construction Costs ²	Sq. Ft.	Cost/Sq. Ft			\$183,981,600
Comprised of:					
Building, 92 sq. ft/student X 1800 students	165,600	\$832		\$137,779,200	
Site, 165,600 sq ft.	165,600	\$279		\$46,202,400	
Construction Management	10%				\$18,398,160
Soft costs	30%				\$55,194,480
Contingency	3%				\$5,519,448
FF&E	5%				\$9,199,080
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST					\$502,506,101
¹ Assumes site acquisition cost only;					
² Construction Costs including site development provided by Erickson Hall Construction Company, November 2025					