NOTICE OF SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

ORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 344

Proposal: Orting School District 2026-2032 Capital Facilities Plan
Proponent: Orting School District No. 344
Lead Agency: Orting School District No. 344
Notice / DNS Date: October 1, 2026
Comment Deadline: October 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Description of Proposal

The Orting School District proposes adoption of its 2026-2032 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The CFP is a nonproject planning document that provides enrollment projections, an inventory and analysis of school facility capacity, planned capital improvements, a six-year financing plan, and the basis for school impact fees associated with residential development. The CFP includes planning for additional and replacement elementary school capacity, the Orting High School CTE addition and modernization, and other district-wide facility improvements. Individual capital projects will be subject to project-specific environmental and permitting review as applicable.

Location

The proposal applies throughout the approximately 45-square-mile Orting School District service area, including the City of Orting and portions of unincorporated Pierce County, Washington.

Determination of Nonsignificance

The Orting School District, as lead agency, has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed SEPA Environmental Checklist and other information on file with the District. The environmental checklist, DNS, draft CFP, and supporting information are available to the public upon request.

Comment Period

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The District will not take final action on the proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Written comments regarding the environmental review of this proposal must be received by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026.

How to Comment

Comments may be submitted by email or mail to:

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Document Availability

The SEPA Environmental Checklist, Determination of Nonsignificance, draft Capital Facilities Plan, and supporting materials are available for review through Orting School District and at the District office during regular business hours.

This notice is issued pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, and chapter 197-11 WAC.