



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – EQUIVALENT AND REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
PROJECT TITLE: Reseda Charter High School Comprehensive Modernization Project
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Comment Period for Preliminary Environmental Assessment – Equivalent and Removal Action Workplan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Reseda Charter High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (proposed Project), pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed Project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment after the implementation of mitigation measures and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment - Equivalent (PEA-E) and a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) have been prepared for the Project and are available for concurrent review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 29.2-acre Reseda Charter High School campus is located at 18230 Kittridge Street, City of Los Angeles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would modernize the school's campus to better align with the current instructional program. The Project would also address the most critical physical conditions of the school's buildings and grounds. The Project includes the demolition and/or removal of 10 permanent buildings, 23 relocatable buildings, storage units, and covered walkways; the construction of new permanent buildings and structures (including classrooms, administration, library, multipurpose/performing arts, and cafeteria/lunch shelter); upgrading and replacing aging infrastructure; and new landscaping and hardscaping. The proposed Project also consists of barrier removal upgrades, exterior painting, and limited interior improvements.

In addition, LAUSD completed a PEA-E investigation for the proposed Project to assess environmental conditions at selected areas within the Project footprint. Based on the PEA-E findings, a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was prepared to remove approximately 266 cubic yards of soil impacted with arsenic and lead and to remediate soil vapor associated with the former Industrial Arts building. The campus is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65926.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List).

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The IS/MND found that mitigation would be required to reduce potential Project-related construction noise impacts to a less than significant level. The Project was found to result in less than significant impacts or no impacts to all other environmental issue areas.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15073[a]), PEA-E, and RAW are available for public review and comment from October 30th, 2019 to November 29th, 2019.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Will Meade, LEED AP, Environmental Planning Specialist
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net
Please include "Reseda HS Comp Mod" in the subject line

COMMENT MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **November 13th, 2019 at 6:00 PM** at the Reseda High School Auditorium located at 18230 Kittridge Street, City of Los Angeles. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Hardcopies of the IS/MND, PEA-E, and RAW are available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (by appointment, call (213) 241-3432)
- Reseda Charter High School Main Office, 18230 Kittridge Street, Reseda, CA 91335
- West Valley Regional Branch Library, 19036 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335
- LAUSD Local District Northwest Office, 6621 Balboa Boulevard, Lake Balboa, CA 91406

The IS/MND, PEA-E and RAW are also available electronically on the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:

- CEQA Initial Study/MND (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
- PEA-E/RAW (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)

LAUSD BOARD MEETING: The LAUSD Board of Education will consider adoption of the CEQA document and approval of the Project during a regularly scheduled public meeting. Check the LAUSD website periodically for the meeting date, time, and location at <http://laschoolboard.org>.