

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RAVENSWOOD CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2021 –16

**DETERMINING THAT THE CESAR CHAVEZ RAVENSWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Ravenswood City School District (“District”) has developed the Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School Project (“Project”), which include the following: (a) demolition of an existing classroom building (“Building C”), two (2) twenty four foot by forty foot modular buildings, and a forty eight foot by forty foot modular administration building, for a total removal of five (5) classroom spaces and administrative space; (b) construction of a new two-story classroom building consisting of three classrooms, a media center/library, and restrooms on the first floor, and four classrooms and two office spaces on the second floor; (c) construction of a new single story administration and classroom building (“Building G”) that four (4) classrooms, restrooms and administrative spaces; (d) reconfiguration and restriping of the school parking lot to accommodate Building G; and (e) modernization of existing classroom space within existing Buildings B, D, E, and K on the campus; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be located on the existing school site at 2450 Ralmar Avenue, in East Palo Alto, California and the Project will result in a net increase of capacity of six (6) classrooms (with five existing classrooms being demolished and eleven (11) new classrooms being built); and

WHEREAS, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, the Class 2 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15302, exempts a project that consists of the replacement or reconstruction of an existing school to provide earthquake-resistant structures which do not increase capacity by more than fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, as noted, the Project consists of demolishing a total of five classroom facilities and building eleven new classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the campus currently has a total of 60 existing classrooms, and the Project increases the school capacity by 6 classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing school sites that do not increase the original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of relatively minor additions to the Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School Campus, consisting of a replacement Building C and a new classroom and administrative

building (Building G) and these additions to the campus do not increase the student capacity by more than 25 percent or the number of classrooms; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides that if unusual circumstances exist, an otherwise categorically exempt project would be disqualified from being exempt; and

WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances that would negate the Class 2 or Class 14 Categorical Exemptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Ravenswood City School District finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves (through its own independent review and analysis and based upon the Board Agenda Analysis, and the whole of the Project's record of proceedings) that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 2 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15302) because the Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities at the Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School that will not increase campus capacity by more than fifty percent.

Section 3. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314) because the Project's additions will not increase the number of classrooms on campus by more than ten classrooms nor will they increase campus capacity by more than twenty five percent.

Section 4. There are no unusual circumstances that this Project would cause a potentially significant environmental impact.

Section 5. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

Section 6. The Board hereby determines that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Section 7. The Board hereby finally approves the Project.

Section 8. The Superintendent or her designee is authorized to file a Notice of Exemption for the Project with the San Mateo County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Ravenswood City School District on this 25th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____ ABSENT: _____

Attest:

_____, Board President

_____, Board Clerk