

**SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION NO. 35/21-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETERMINING THE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE
BUILDING PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT, DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE
FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District (“District”) intends to construct the Highlands Elementary School Multi-Purpose Building Project (“Project”), which consists of the construction of an approximately 7,668 square foot building and will include a kitchen, serving area, assembly area/stage, restrooms, and various storage rooms, located at Highlands Elementary School at 2320 Newport Street, San Mateo, CA 94402 (“Campus”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will be located entirely within the existing Campus; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 14 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314 exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 28 existing classrooms on the Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the construction of one multi-purpose building, which is only one classroom; and

WHEREAS, the addition of one multi-purpose building to the Campus will only increase the school’s capacity by five (5) percent; and

WHEREAS, the Project’s minor addition of one (1) multi-purpose building will not increase student capacity by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) classrooms; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides certain exceptions: 1) where the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place would be significant over time; (2) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; (3) a project that would cause damage to scenic elements within a designated state scenic highway; (4) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and (5) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource. Here, (1) the District has not proposed any successive projects, (2) there are no unusual circumstances caused by the Project, (3) the Project is not within a scenic

highway, (4) the Project is on a Hazardous Waste site, and (5) the Project will not affect existing buildings or structures. Thus, none of the exceptions apply here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for good and sufficient cause based on the entire record of proceedings, the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees hereby finds a follows:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Project is a minor addition to an existing school.
- 3. The Project is exempt under the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314).
- 4. None of the exceptions to the Class 14 Categorical Exemption exist.
- 5. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby decides to carry out the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption for the Project with the San Mateo County Clerk.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees duly held on June 9, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION:

NOES AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Dated: _____

By: _____

Alison Proctor
President, Board of Trustees
San Mateo-Foster City School District

Attest:

Noelia Corzo
Clerk, Board of Trustees
San Mateo-Foster City School District

I, Noelia Corzo, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo-Foster City School District of San Mateo County, California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 35/21-22 which was duly adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of June 2022, and that it was so adopted by the vote indicated above.