

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE MALIBU ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ALIGNMENT
PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT, APPROVING THE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NOTICE
OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (“District”) developed the Malibu Elementary Schools Alignment Project, which includes changing the attendance boundaries of Point Dume Elementary School, Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, and Malibu Middle and High School (“MMHS”) and adding five portable classroom buildings at Point Dume Elementary School for the purpose of creating a better elementary school system in Malibu by increasing opportunities to elementary students in a more centralized school, as opposed to limited separated campuses (“Proposed Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would transfer Grade K-5 students from Juan Cabrillo Elementary School to Point Dume Elementary School, transfer Grade 6-8 students from MMHS to the Juan Cabrillo campus, all of which would be accomplished by changing the attendance boundaries of the schools as follows:

- Point Dume Elementary School’s attendance boundary would expand to include all of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School’s existing attendance boundary.
- The Juan Cabrillo Elementary School would become a middle school with a new attendance boundary for Grades 6-8 to encompass all of the City of Malibu.
- MMHS’ attendance boundary for middle school Grades 6-8 would be eliminated, however, certain campus facilities would still be shared with Juan Cabrillo.

WHEREAS, to accommodate the additional elementary students at Point Dume, it has been determined that five additional classrooms would be required within the existing school grounds of Point Dume Elementary School, located at 6955 Fernhill Dr., Malibu, CA 90265; and

WHEREAS, the existing Juan Cabrillo Elementary School facilities can accommodate all the middle school Grades 6-8 without any additional classrooms or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and District staff have conducted community engagement with faculty, staff, parents, residents, civic leaders and community groups for public input and concerns regarding the Proposed Project; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 21 classrooms existing at Point Dume Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the addition of five portable classrooms will result in a total of 26 classrooms at Point Dume Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project will result in an increase of capacity of 24% at Point Dume Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project's minor additions will not increase student capacity of by more than 25% or ten 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 has reviewed the Proposed Project and has considered whether the Proposed Project may have any unusual circumstances and has determined that none exist because the Juan Cabrillo and MMHS campuses are adjacent to each other, which would not substantially alter traffic in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the whole record of proceedings, including the Board Agenda Item, and discussion before the Board, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education hereby finds as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Proposed Project is a minor addition to an existing school.
3. The Proposed Project is exempt under the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314).
4. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approved the Proposed 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 Proposed Project with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 3rd day of May 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Dr. Richard Tahvdilaran-Jesswein, President
Board of Education

I, Dr. Ben Drati, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled board meeting held on this 3rd day of May 2018.

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District