

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

RESOLUTION

**FINDINGS AND ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF THE JOHN
ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (“District”) developed the John Adams Middle School Auditorium Replacement Project to demolish and replace the performing arts buildings at John Adams Middle School (“JAMS”) located at 2425 16th Street in the City of Santa Monica (“Proposed Project”);

WHEREAS, the existing auditorium at JAMS has been closed since 2014 due to structural safety concerns and the Proposed Project would involve construction of a new performing arts center at the site of the existing auditorium and music building to replace the existing auditorium facilities;

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would be developed over the course of several phases. Phase 1 would involve renovating the existing music building, demolition of the existing auditorium, and constructing the replacement auditorium. The replacement auditorium would be approximately 20,000 square feet with a maximum height of 54.5 feet and include an indoor/outdoor lobby, a main hall with 750 seats, a stage, back-of-house areas, and a choir rehearsal would be constructed on the second floor of the auditorium. The renovated music building would support band and orchestral rehearsal areas;

WHEREAS, Phase 2 would involve constructing a 3,100 square foot rehearsal building and 11,500 square foot terrace. Phase 3 would involve demolishing the renovated music building and constructing a replacement music building. The replacement music building would be approximately 6,500 square feet and approximately 30 feet in height with an associated 3,000 square foot courtyard;

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would increase overall building square footage of performing arts uses by approximately 12,177 square feet, but, no additional uses would be added. While the Proposed Project will also not increase the number of students or faculty at JAMS, there may be an increase in the frequency of events held at the new auditorium, which is expected to occur on weekends and holidays;

WHEREAS, Phase 1 construction would begin in 2018 and end in 2020, Phase 2 construction would begin in 2020 and end in 2022, and Phase 3 construction would occur several years after Phase 2 construction;

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) requires the District to evaluate and determine whether the Project could create significant environmental impacts and develop and adopt feasible mitigation measures to reduce such impacts to less than significant;

WHEREAS, the District engaged Dudek to conduct CEQA review of the Proposed Project;

WHEREAS, Dudek analyzed the Proposed Project and determined that it could potentially create significant environmental impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards, hazardous materials, noise, transportation and traffic, and tribal cultural resources, but that implementation of certain mitigation measures would reduce such impacts to less than significant and that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) is the appropriate environmental document;

WHEREAS, Dudek prepared an MND that describes the Project, analyzes the potential environmental impacts, and identifies mitigation measures to reduce those significant environmental impacts to less than significant;

WHEREAS, the MND was noticed and circulated for public comment according to CEQA’s procedures; and

WHEREAS, the District received one comment that did not raise any environmental concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the whole of the administrative record, the MND, and the MMRP, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education (“Board”) hereby finds the following:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board has independently reviewed and considered the MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
3. There is no fair argument or substantial evidence that the mitigated Proposed Project will have a potentially significant effect on the environment, and an environmental impact report is not required.
4. This Resolution wholly reflects the District’s independent judgment and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts:

1. The MND prepared by Dudek dated March 2018.
2. The Project’s Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent serve as the custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Board’s decision is based. The record of proceedings shall be maintained at the District’s offices at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California 90404.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Assistant Superintendent to file with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse a Notice of Determination for the approval of the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 17th day of May 2018.

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-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 day of May 17, 2018.

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