

RESOLUTION NO. 18-19-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ESCALON UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
AND RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Escalon Unified School District (“District”) has determined to modernize the campus of its existing Collegeville Elementary School (“Project”);

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code sections 21000, et seq., requires local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible;

WHEREAS, a public agency must comply with CEQA when it undertakes an activity defined by CEQA as a “project;”

WHEREAS, a “project” is an activity undertaken by a public agency or a private activity which must receive some discretionary approval from a government agency which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment;

WHEREAS, if a public agency decides that a project is exempt from CEQA and subsequently grants approval of such project, a notice of exemption (“NOE”) may be filed; and

WHEREAS, the Project will entail the addition of two portable classrooms and one non-classroom with minor improvements to existing structures. Existing and future students will be the beneficiaries of this Project.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to authorize all actions necessary to comply with CEQA for purposes of this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Escalon Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Governing Board (“Board”) of the Escalon Unified School District hereby determines that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA, consistent with the CEQA Guidelines, section 15314. This Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15314 which provides that minor additions to existing schools are exempt as long as the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. This Project proposes the addition of two classrooms and one non-classroom and does not increase student capacity by more than 25%.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs District staff to complete and file a NOE for the Project with the San Joaquin County Clerk in substantially the form presented to

the Board, and hereby authorizes such additions or modifications as are necessary and consistent with this resolution.

Section 4. The Superintendent or his designee is hereby further authorized and directed to take all necessary actions and to prepare, on behalf of the District, any other documentation necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution. Any action heretofore taken by the Superintendent or his designee, on behalf of the District, that is in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution, is hereby approved and confirmed.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Escalon Unified School District this nineteenth day of March, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____

President, Governing Board
Escalon Unified School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Governing Board
Escalon Unified School District