

SANTA MONICA – MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL - REPLACEMENT OF CLASSROOM BUILDINGS E, F, AND G, NEW ADMINISTRATION, MODERNIZATION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

March 10, 2010

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, the Santa Monica – Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) hereby provides notice that it intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed John Adams Middle School Replacement of Classroom Buildings E, F, and G, New Administration, Modernization and Site Improvements Project (Proposed Project).

The Proposed Project is located at the existing John Adams Middle School (JAMS) campus, located at 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, California. The Proposed Project site is located in the Sunset Park neighborhood of Santa Monica, just southeast of Santa Monica College. The campus is bounded by Ocean Park Boulevard on the southeast, 16th Street on the southwest, Pearl Street on the northwest, and 17th Street on the northeast.

The Proposed Project includes the development of new classrooms supporting a three-grade level house system (three houses: grades 6, 7, and 8), exterior commons upgrades, transformative improvements to the existing school campus, and improved administrative spaces. As such, the Proposed Project would replace Buildings E, F, and G and remove Building D. The Proposed Project would result in the demolition of a total of 12,466 square feet in Buildings D, E, F, G, and N, and the construction of a total of 12,830 square feet in Buildings E, F, G, and U. Modernization of Buildings N, Q, T, and U would also take place under the Proposed Project. Modernization would require demolition of 437 square feet in Building N, the new construction of 1,979 square feet in Building U, and modernization of a total of 7,128 square feet in Buildings N, Q, T, and U collectively. Overall building square footage at the JAMS campus would be increased by approximately 364 square feet from 130,093 square feet to 130,457 square feet. In order to continue to limit on-campus vehicular circulation, vehicular access points are proposed on 16th Street at the southwest corner of the campus, on 17th Street at the northern parking lot, and on 17th Street near the cafeteria (Building B) which is primarily used for deliveries. Under the Proposed Project, the northeast parking lot along 17th Street (southeast of Building J) would be increased by thirteen spaces to accommodate 49 cars and the parking area near the cafeteria (north of Building B) will be increased by one space to accommodate nine cars. Two of the southwestern parking lots (west of Building C and east of Building A) would be permanently removed, thereby resulting in a reduction of 36 parking spaces collectively on the two lots. The existing 55-space parking lot at the southwest corner of the campus will remain

unchanged; therefore, the Proposed Project would result in a net reduction of 22 spaces for a total of 113 parking spaces for the JAMS campus. There would be no change in enrollment or faculty as part of the campus improvements. The campus is not included on any list under Government Code section 65962.5. The MND finds that the Proposed Project, with incorporation of identified mitigation measures, will not result in significant impacts to the environment.

The MND is made available for review and comment during a public review period commencing March 10, 2010 and ending on April 8, 2010. The MND and all documents referenced therein will be available for review at SMMUSD's offices located at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90404 by contacting Janece Maez at (310) 450-8338 ext. 268 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MND will also be available electronically on the internet at <http://www.smmusd.org>. Please address all comments in writing to Ms. Janece L. Maez, Assistant Superintendent, at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90404, by fax at 310.581.6720, or by email at measurebb@smmusd.org. SMMUSD will only accept written comments during the comment period. SMMUSD will also hold a community presentation of the Proposed Project at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the JAMS library.

After close of the public comment period, SMMUSD shall finalize the MND and the Board of Education will consider adopting the MND and the Proposed Project at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 22, 2010. No public hearing is required or will be held.