



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – EQUIVALENT**



TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: McKinley Avenue Elementary School Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Comment Period for Preliminary Environmental Assessment - Equivalent

Notice is hereby given that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the McKinley Avenue Elementary School (proposed Project), pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed Project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment after the implementation of mitigation measures and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment - Equivalent (PEA-E) has been prepared for the Project and is available for review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 4.2-acre McKinley Avenue Elementary School campus is located at 7812 McKinley Ave, City of Los Angeles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project is designed to address the most critical physical concerns of the buildings and grounds at the campus while upgrading, renovating, modernizing, and reconfiguring the campus to provide facilities that are safe, secure, and better aligned with the current instructional program. The Project includes demolishing four permanent buildings, removing existing relocatable buildings and storage containers, constructing new permanent buildings that provide adequate learning spaces and support areas, upgrading and replacing aging infrastructure, constructing new outdoor physical education spaces, and providing new landscaping and hardscaping. The proposed Project also consists of limited modernization of existing structures including limited barrier removal upgrades, Internet Protocol (IP) Convergence, exterior painting, and limited interior improvements.

In addition, LAUSD completed a PEA-E investigation for the proposed project to determine if the soil or soil vapor beneath the project area has been impacted with chemicals of concern. Based on the laboratory results of the collected samples the PEA-E investigation concluded that the site is suitable for the contemplated comprehensive modernization project without any further investigation or soil remediation. The campus is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65926.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15073[a]) and PEA-E are available for public review and comment from March 13th, 2019 to April 11th, 2019.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

CEQA and PEA-E Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Christine Lan, Assistant CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

Please include "McKinley ES Comp Mod" in the subject line

COMMENT MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **March 28th, 2019 at 6:00 PM** at the McKinley Avenue Elementary School Auditorium located at 7812 McKinley Ave, City of Los Angeles. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND and PEA-E are available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below.

- LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (by appointment, call (213) 241-3199)
- McKinley Avenue Elementary School Library, 7812 McKinley Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- Ascot Branch Library, 120 W Florence Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90003
- LAUSD Local District South Office, 1208 Magnolia Ave, Gardena, CA 90247
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - CEQA Initial Study (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
 - PEA-E (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)