



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (SOCES) Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (District or LAUSD), as lead agency for the proposed Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (SOCES) Comprehensive Modernization Project (Project), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California 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]). The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 21.5-acre SOCES campus is located at 18605 Erwin Street in the community of Reseda, City of Los Angeles, CA 91335 (Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 2127-012-900) in the west San Fernando Valley.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project encompasses most of the SOCES school campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the school, including demolition, construction, and renovation activities. The Project includes demolition of the gymnasium, lunch shelter, transportation building, and four classroom buildings; removal of 12 classrooms in 7 relocatable buildings; construction of four classroom buildings, gymnasium, field house/toilet building, and lunch shelter; remodel and modernization of the auditorium, administration and counseling buildings, and buildings D (Sanitary), K (Classroom), and L (Classroom). Other improvements include upgrades to plumbing, electrical and storm drain systems, compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, landscape, hardscape, and exterior paint.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The District addressed the potentially significant effects of the Project related to Cultural Resources in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR analysis determined that the proposed Project would result in significant environmental impacts to Cultural Resources (Historical), even with implementation of LAUSD Standard Conditions of Approval and a project-specific mitigation measure.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR will be available for review during the 45-day public review period from **February 26, 2018 to April 12, 2018**. A copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at:

- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Please call (213) 241-3199 for appointment.
- LAUSD Local District – Northwest. 6621 Balboa Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91406
- SOCES School Library, 18605 Erwin Street, Reseda, CA 91335
- West Valley Regional Branch Library, 19036 Vanowen Street, Reseda, CA 91335

The Draft EIR is also available electronically on the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person and send your comments to: Los Angeles Unified School District, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. ATTN: Ms. Eimon Smith, CEQA Project Manager. Comments can also be sent by e-mail to CEQA-comments@lausd.net. Please include "SOCES Comp Mod" in the subject line.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6:00 PM** in Glenn Hall at SOCES, 18605 Erwin Street, Reseda, CA 91335. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The date and time of the Board meeting and additional information concerning the Project can be found on the LAUSD website
<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>.