NOTICE OF INTENT
to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

DATE: February 2, 2017
TO: Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (District or LAUSD), as lead agency for the project, has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Colfax Charter Elementary School Classroom Addition Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code, Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). An IS/MND is a detailed informational document that analyzes a proposed project’s potentially significant environmental impacts, as well as identifying ways to minimize and mitigate such impacts. Based on the IS, it has been determined that the proposed project will have no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is warranted. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the IS/MND.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The project is located on portions of LAUSD’s Colfax Charter Elementary School, located at 11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA, and proposes the construction of 18 new classrooms, removal of ten portable classrooms situated in five buildings, internal modifications to administrative spaces, an expanded lunch shelter and arcade, relocation of the school’s main entry (from Addison Street to Colfax Avenue), and construction of a new surface parking lot. The need for the project is to provide Colfax students with facilities that are safe, secure and aligned with the school’s instruction program, as well as provide for enhanced capacity, improved campus circulation and on-site parking for faculty, staff and visitors.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Colfax Charter Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. You are encouraged to attend and learn about the proposed project, as well as provide input regarding the Draft IS/MND.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft IS/MND is available for review on the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) Website (http://achieve.lausd.net/OEHS) and at the following locations during normal business hours:
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety: 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017
- LAUSD Educational Service Center - North: 6621 Balboa Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91406
- Colfax Charter Elementary School: 11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA 91607
- North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library: 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601
- Studio City Branch Library: 12511 Moorpark Street, Studio City, CA 91604

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period for the IS/MND is 30 days, beginning on February 2, 2017 and ending on March 3, 2017. Written comments may be submitted to: Los Angeles Unified School District, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, Attn: Ms. Linda Wilde, 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Comments can also be sent by e-mail to CEQA-comments@lausd.net. Please include “Colfax Charter Elementary School Project” in the subject line.

All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on March 3, 2017.

Additional information concerning the proposed project, including the date and time of the Board of Education meeting where this IS/MND will be considered, will be posted on the OEHS website http://achieve.lausd.net/OEHS.