



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

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Polytechnic High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a 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 John H. Francis Polytechnic Senior High School (proposed project), pursuant to the 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 and a Negative Declaration (ND) 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 37.2-acre John H. Francis Polytechnic Senior High School campus is at 12431 Roscoe Boulevard, City of Los Angeles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would modernize Polytechnic HS to facilitate a safe and secure campus that better aligns with the current instructional program. The Project consists of the demolition of 11 permanent buildings and approximately 16 classrooms in portable buildings, construction of 41 classrooms in 6 permanent buildings, and additional site upgrades. No subterranean construction is anticipated, the lowest finished floor elevations of new structures are anticipated to be at about the existing grade, and the proposed structures are anticipated to be one- to two-stories tall.

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 chemical of concern. During the PEA-E investigation activities the District removed and disposed off-site approximately 5.3 cubic yards of soil with elevated concentrations of lead and replaced the soil with clean fill as part of a housekeeping action.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The ND-IS (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15073[a]) and PEA-E are available for public review and comment from November 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017.

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

CEQA Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Will Meade, Environmental Planning Specialist
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

PEA-E Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Andrew Modugno, Site Assessment Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: andrew.modugno@lausd.net

Please include "Polytechnic HS Comp Mod" in the subject line

COMMENT MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **December 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM** at the Polytechnic High School Cafitorium located at 12431 Roscoe Blvd, Sun Valley, California. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The ND-IS 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)
- Polytechnic High School Library: 12431 Roscoe Blvd, Sun Valley, CA 91352
- Sun Valley Branch Library: 7935 Vineland Ave, Sun Valley, CA 91352
- LAUSD Local District Northeast Office, 8401 Arleta Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - CEQA Initial Study (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
 - PEA-E (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)