



# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

**PROJECT TITLE:** Thomas Jefferson High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN** that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Thomas Jefferson High School Comprehensive Modernization Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (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]). 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 effects. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft IS/MND. Notice is further given that a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) has been prepared and is available for review for the Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The 18.9-acre Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS) is located at 1319 East 41st Street, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project encompasses most of the TJHS campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus, including demolition, construction, and renovation activities. The Project includes demolition and removal of relocatable buildings and permanent buildings and structures including: 1) Music Building, 2) Home Economics Building, 3) Gymnasium Buildings (Practice and Competitive), 4) Metal Shop Building, 5) Mechanical Arts Building, 6) Power House (Utility Building), 7) Industrial Arts Building, and 8) two Lunch Shelter/Service Buildings, 9) pump house, 10) two storage buildings 11) two flammable storage buildings; construction of a new classroom building, a new lunch pavilion and quad, a new baseball field/softball field, and Gymnasium; and remodel and modernization of the existing Administrative, Academic, Cafeteria, and Auditorium Buildings. Other improvements include campus-wide infrastructure, including domestic water, fire, irrigation, gas, sewer, low voltage (e.g., fire, telephone, data), electrical and storm drainage, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, landscape, hardscape, and exterior paint.

Prior to construction of the new facilities, the District proposes to remove approximately 230 cubic yards of soil with elevated concentrations of arsenic and/or lead from the campus and dispose of it off-site in accordance with the conditions that are presented in the RAW.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(f)(2), and based on the environmental analysis in the Initial Study, the District has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the Project. The focus of the IS/MND will be on the potential significant effects of the Project related to cultural resources and noise.

The RAW presents the findings of the environmental investigations performed for this Project and outlines the proposed process for the removal and off-site disposal of the impacted soil.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** LAUSD will make this NOI and the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) and RAW available for public review and comment from **May 8, 2018 to June 7, 2018**.

**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: Ms. Eimon Smith, CEQA Project Manager  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Email: [CEQA-comments@lausd.net](mailto:CEQA-comments@lausd.net)

*Please include "Jefferson HS Comp Mod" in the subject line*

**RAW Questions and Comments**

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Office of Environmental Health and Safety  
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Los Angeles, CA 90017  
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**SCOPING MEETING:** LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM** in the Auditorium at Thomas Jefferson High School, 1319 East 41st Street, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 90011. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (by appointment, call 213.241.3199)
- Thomas Jefferson High School Library, 1319 East 41st Street, Los Angeles, California 90011
- LAUSD, Local District - Central, 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017
- Vernon-Leon H. Washington Memorial Branch Library, 4504 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
  - CEQA IS/MND (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
  - RAW (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)