



**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: Taft Charter High 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 for the Comprehensive Modernization of Taft Charter High School

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 Taft Charter High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (proposed Project), pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statutes] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the conclusions of 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 CCR Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073, as amended. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment – Equivalent (PEA-E) has been prepared for the proposed Project and is available for review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 32.4-acre Taft Charter High School campus is located at 5461 Winnetka 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 through building replacement, renovation, and modernization to provide facilities that are safe, secure, and better aligned with the current instructional program. The proposed Project includes demolishing eight permanent buildings, removing existing portable buildings, constructing new permanent buildings that provide adequate learning spaces and support areas, upgrading and replacing aging utilities and infrastructure, improving existing athletic facilities, and providing new landscaping and hardscaping. The proposed Project also includes limited modernization of existing structures including accessible facilities consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, seismic retrofit pursuant to California Assembly Bill 300, and low voltage upgrades to support current technology. The PEA-E presents the findings of the site assessment investigations performed for this proposed Project. The campus is not on any of the lists compiled under Government Code Section 65926.5.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS-MND and PEA-E are available electronically for public review at the locations listed below.

- Taft Charter High School website (<https://www.tafthigh.org/>)
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety website:
 - CEQA IS-MND (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
 - PEA-E (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)
- California State Clearinghouse (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>)

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS-MND (pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 15073[a]) and PEA-E are available for public review and comment from August 17, 2020 to September 16, 2020.

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: Eimon Smith, CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net
Please include "Taft HS Comp Mod" in the subject line.

COMMENT MEETING: LAUSD will hold a virtual public meeting on **August 27, 2020 at 6:00pm. Please connect via Zoom or by phone:**

- Zoom Online Meeting Link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/97014952347>; Zoom Online Webinar Meeting ID #:970 1495 2347
- Phone # Dial In: +1 213-338-8477; ID# 970 1495 2347

All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

LAUSD BOARD HEARING: Additional information concerning the proposed Project will be posted on the District's OEHS website: <http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>. The LAUSD Board of Education (Board) will consider this item during a scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD Board website to find the meeting date and time at <http://laschoolboard.org>.