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May 10, 2021

Governing Board
Hamilton Unified
PO Box 488
Hamilton City, CA 95951

Project Tracking No: 76562-7
Re: Hamilton High School
620 Canal St.
Hamilton City, CA 95951-0488
County: Glenn
Acres: 44.94
Grade Level: 9 - 12

Dear Governing Board:

Subject: Final Site Approval

The California Department of Education approves the acquisition of and/or use of, for school purposes, the parcel of property described on the attachment. This site meets the California Department of Education's standards for educational adequacy (California Code of Regulations, Title 5, 14001 et seq. and Education Code 17251(c) and (d)). It is the responsibility of the district to complete all of the mitigation measures identified in the documents submitted to the California Department of Education for review.

The property approved for acquisition is an addition to an existing school site. The property approved for acquisition and/or use is 44.94 gross acres of which 44.94 are usable for school purposes. The property approved for acquisition and/or use and the existing school site total 70.94 usable acres. This represents 305.78% of the California Department of Education's recommended master plan site size of 23.2 acres as contained in the California Department of Education's "Guide to School Site Analysis and Development (2000)."

As required by Education Code 17072.12(b) and State Allocation Board Regulation 1859.75(b) for districts requesting state aid in site acquisition, the district has certified to the California Department of Education that there are no district owned sites that are usable for this project.

Due to potential hazards that were identified in the review of the site, the CDE recommends that the District include the following items in their LEA Safety Plans:

- Provide a safety and evacuation plan in case of a natural gas pipeline break.
- Provide a safety and evacuation plan in case of a dam break.
- Protect students from any unfenced access to the Glenn-Colusa Canal as part of the Safe Routes to School Plan.

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-Address railroad crossing for student/pedestrian safety in Safe Routes for School Plan. The rail study (completed by Placeworks, June 2019) points out the risk to student pedestrians at the unfenced access to the rail crossing at 6th Street and State Route 32.

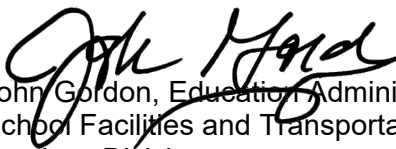
The applicant has certified that this project is either exempt from, or has completed, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

The district has met the requirements of Education Code 17213.1 regarding the preparation of a Phase I environmental assessment or a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA), and/or the completion of a Response Action, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control has issued a determination letter dated April 29, 2020 indicating that no action or no further action/investigation is required for this site.

This site approval is valid for a maximum of five (5) years from the date of this approval letter. However, if prior to acquisition and/or initiation of the response action, changes take place within this five-year period which would affect or alter the Department of Education's original approval--including but not limited to, changes in surrounding land uses or CEQA determination, the master plan capacity of the site and changes in code and/or regulation--the site may be subject to reevaluation using the current standards in effect at the time of reevaluation.

Please contact the undersigned if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



John Gordon, Education Administrator I
School Facilities and Transportation
Services Division



For
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Services Division

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cc: OPSC Real Estate