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EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (District or LAUSD), as lead agency for the project, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the School Upgrade Program (SUP, formerly called Districtwide Redevelopment Program) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California 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]). The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the DEIR.

Agencies: The District requests your agency's comments on environmental information in the DEIR relevant to your statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed program.

Organizations and Interested Parties: The District requests your comments regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed program.

PROJECT TITLE: School Upgrade Program (SUP)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed SUP covers schools within the entire District, the second-largest public school district in the United States. The District covers 710 square miles and encompasses most of the city of Los Angeles, along with all or portions of 31 cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The SUP is the next phase of the District's bond program to build, modernize, and repair school facilities to improve student health, safety, and educational quality. The SUP does not have specific phases; it is an ongoing program that will continue well into the future.

The SUP identifies overarching goals and principals, funding sources, and specific categories of need and spending targets. The purpose of the SUP is to reflect the intent, goals, and objectives of the four FSD programs: New School Construction Program, Repair and Modernization Program, Joint Use/Innovation Fund and Charter Facilities Program, Capital Improvement Program. Because of the extensive number of individual projects anticipated under the SUP, they have been grouped into four categories based on the amount and type of construction and on location of the project. Currently, site-specific projects at individual school campuses have not been identified.

- New Construction on New Property (adjacent to existing campus)
- New Construction on Existing Campus
- Modernization, Repair, Replacement, Upgrade, Remodel, Renovation, and Installation
- Operational and Other Campus Changes

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SUP-related projects would include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Construction on an existing campus and/or property acquisition adjacent to an existing campus for a new classroom building, library/media center, performing arts, gymnasium, administration offices, stadium, athletic fields, restrooms, drop-off zones, parking, etc.
- Installation of temporary structures
- Safety, Earthquake, Emergency, Fire-Prevention (upgrade fire/life safety systems; replace pipes and plumbing system, air conditioning and ventilation filtration systems, etc.)
- Lead, Asbestos, and Other Code Compliance
- Special Education Career Transition Centers (renovate existing facilities)
- Library Upgrades (improvement and equipment for libraries and media centers)
- School Repair and Expansion (provision of furnishings and equipment, reopening closed schools, exterior repair and paint, repair and replace lockers, etc.)
- Computer and Communications (modernize classrooms, upgrades to telecommunications and video-teleconferencing systems, new hardware and software, etc.)
- Sustainable Schools (improve energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy)
- Adult and Career Education (provide facilities necessary for career training)
- Early Childhood Education (renovate, repair, and create early education centers)
- Food Service (replace equipment, upgrade secondary school cafeterias, replace refrigeration systems, etc.)
- Temporary Classrooms (replace, upgrade, or relocate portable classrooms)

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The District addressed the following environmental topics in the EIR.

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| • Aesthetics | • Agriculture and Forestry Resources | • Air Quality |
| • Biological Resources | • Cultural Resources | • Geology and Soils |
| • Greenhouse Gas Emissions | • Hazards and Hazardous Materials | • Hydrology and Water Quality |
| • Land Use and Planning | • Mineral Resources | • Noise |
| • Pedestrian Safety | • Population and Housing | • Public Services |
| • Recreation | • Transportation and Traffic | • Utilities and Service Systems |

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DEIR will be available for review during the ~~45-day~~ 98-day public review period from **Tuesday, June 24, 2014 to Friday, August 8, Tuesday, September 30, 2014**. A copy of the DEIR is available for review on the LAUSD website (<http://www.lausd-oehs.org/documents.asp>) and at the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 28th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person and send your comments to:

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Attention: John Anderson

Comments can also be sent by FAX to (213) 241-4119, or by e-mail to john.r.anderson@lausd.net. Please include "School Upgrade Program" in the subject line. For more information call John at (213) 241-1517.

Date and time of the board meetings and additional information concerning the proposed program can be found on the LAUSD website <http://www.lausd-oehs.org/documents.asp>